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CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 2010

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Annual Report
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Selectmen
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NOTICE

DOG & CAT OWNERS:

CONCORD, NH

RABIES CLINIC – April 10, 2010, 10-11:30 AM
\$11.00 PER ANIMAL – CORNISH FLAT FIRE STATION
New Hampshire/Vermont Residents Welcome

Please have dogs on a leash and cats in a carrier and bring a previous rabies certificate

- **All Dogs over three months of age must be licensed by May 1st.**
- Failure to license subjects owners to a fine of \$25.00 plus \$1.00 per month after June 1st. It's the law.
- Legal Rates: Male/ Female - \$9.00, Neutered/Spayed \$6.50
- Owner over 65, \$2.00 for first dog, regular rates for additional dogs.
- **State Law requires all dogs to be vaccinated against Rabies.**
- Rabies certificates are required for licensing.
- **New Hampshire RSA:466 - Owners are liable for free running dogs. Penalties are severe.**

NEW CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATIONS:

- The Town requires permits for new construction or exterior alterations to any building. If in doubt, check first with the Selectmen.

TO THOSE OPERATING IN OR NEAR WETLANDS OR WATERWAYS:

- RSA 438-A State Dredge & Fill applications must be filed with the Town Clerk before beginning work. Fines may be assessed for noncompliance.

MUNICIPAL REMINDERS

Deadlines:

Property Tax Abatements.....December Billing to March 1
Current Use Applications.....April 15
Exemption/Tax Credits.....April 15
Property Tax Due Date.....July 1 and December 1
Vehicle Registration.....Birth Month of Applicant

Please be sure to let the Town Office know when you change your address.

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TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Town Clerk – 3 years

Paula Harthan (2010)

Reigh Sweetser, Deputy

Town Treasurer – 1 year

William Caterino

Brent Edgerton, Deputy

Moderator – 2 years

Peter Burling (2010)

Selectmen – 3 years

Merilynn Bourne (2010)

Keith Jones (2011)

John Hammond (2012)

Tax Collector – 1 year

Reigh Sweetser

Paula Harthan, Deputy

Highway Agent – 1 year

Dan Flynn

Sexton – 1 year

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Supervisors of Checklist – 6 years

Robin Monette (2010)

Ruth Rollins (2012)

Leland Atwood (2014)

Trustees of Trust Funds – 3 years

Shirley Blade (2010)

Karen Johnson (2011)

Heather Meeks (2012)

Trustees of George H Stowell Library – 3 years

Kathryn Patterson (2010)

Karen Woodbury (2011)

Bernice Johnson (2012)

General Assistance & Senior Resources - 1 year

Connie Kousman

Martha Zoerheide, Assistant

Judith Kaufman, Assistant

Anne Hier, Assistant

Representatives to the General Court – 2 years

Carla Skinder (2010)

Charlotte Houde Quimby (2010)

State Senator- District 5- 2 years

Matt Houde (2010)

New Hampshire Executive Council – 2 years

Raymond Burton (2010)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Fire Chief – by Selectmen – 3 years

Nathan Cass (2011)

Police Officers – by Selectmen

E. Douglas Hackett, Chief Paul Roberts

Corey Stevens

Gerald Beaudry

Anthony Swett

Planning Board - by Selectmen – 3 years

Cheston Newbold, (2010) - 25 yrs

Bill Lipfert, Chairman (2011) – 6 yrs

Merilynn Bourne, for Selectmen – 4 yrs

Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary (2012) – 9 yrs

Gail McKenzie, (2010) – 10 yrs

Troy Simino (2012) – 6 yrs

Peter Storrs (2012) – 28 years

Larry Dingee (2011) – 4 yrs Alt

Gwyn Gallagher (2010) – 5 yrs Alt

Mary Mancuso (2010) – 3 yr Alt

Zoning Board of Adjustment – by Moderator

Karim Chichakly, Chair (2011) 21 yrs

Caroline Storrs, Vice Chair (2011) 30 yrs

Jim Brown (2011) – 3 yrs

Bruce Tracy (2011) – 12 yrs

Jason Bourne (2012) – 4 yrs

William Balch, (2010) – 33 yrs Alt.

Dale Rook, (2010) – 13 yrs Alt.

Scott Baker, (2012) – 3 yrs Alt.

Conservation Commission – by Selectmen – 3 years

Bill Gallagher, Chair (2012) – 9 yrs

Linda Fuerst, Vic Chair (2010)

Betty Miller, Secretary (2010) – 7 yrs

Loel Callahan (2010) – 5 yrs

Jon Woodhull (2010) – 3 yr

Rickey Poor (2011) – 33 yrs

John Hammond, for Selectmen – 3 yr

Jim Barker, (2010) – 2 yr

Mariet Jaarsma, (2010) – 24 yrs Alt.

Nancy Newbold, (2012) – 24 yrs Alt.

Don Snowden, (2012) – 18 yrs Alt.

Frank Parks (2011) - 2 Alt.

Michael Meeks (2011) - 2 Alt.

Betty Caterino (2011) - 2 Alt.

TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Waste Mgmt. Study Committee – by

Selectmen
Pat Pinkson-Burke, Chairman
George Edson
Dan Flynn
William Gallagher
John Hammond, for Selectmen
Cheston Newbold
Dale Rook
Tim Schad
Richard Thompson

Finance Committee – by Moderator – 3 years

Robert Bladen, Chairman (2010)
William Caterino, Ex-Officio
Heather Meeks (2011)
Everett Cass (2011)
Fred Sullivan (2010)

Town Forest Committee – by Selectmen

Virginia Prince, Chairman
Michael Meeks
Ed Woodbury
John Hammond, for Selectmen

Capital Equipment Committee – by

Selectmen
Keith Jones, Chair John Hammond
Dan Flynn Richard Hiem
Tom Spaulding Larry Dingee
Reyer Jaarsma James Fitch

Energy Committee – by Selectmen

Mary Boyle, Chair Linda Fuerst
Pat Pinkson-Burke Ginny Wood
Martha Zoerheide

Wetlands Wildlife Committee-by

Selectmen
James Fitch Troy Simino
Frank Parks

UVLS Regional Planning Comm.

– by Selectmen
Cheston Newbold Bill Lipfert

Ct. River Resource Committee – Local

River Subcommittee – by Selectmen
Frank Parks Michael Meeks

Overseers of Covered Bridges – by

Selectmen
Leo Maslan Richard Thompson

Surveyors of Wood, Bark & Lumber – 1 year

Gwyn Gallagher Leo Maslan
Jim Fitch Richard Thompson
Reyer Jaarsma James Neil
Fred Weld Bill Ladd

Emergency Office Liaison to 911– by Selectmen

Dale Lawrence

Emergency Management Director – by Selectmen

Scott Reuthe

Spirit Committee – by Selectmen

Colleen O'Neill Caroline Storrs

Librarian – by Trustees of the Library

Emily Cromwell

Fence Viewers – 1 year

Henry Homeyer Leo Maslan
Bill Gallagher Jon Woodhull
Don Snowden

Hog Reeves – 1 year

Dennis & Laura Zell
Jim & Regina Barker
Daniel & Melissa Merritt

Selectmen's Special Agent – by Selectmen

John Hammond

Auditors – by Selectmen

Rowley & Associates

STATE APPOINTMENTS

Health Officer – Jeff Katchen

Deputy Health Officer – Ginny Prince

Forest Fire Warden – Nate Cass

Forest Fire Deputy Wardens

Nate Cass Scott Reuthe
Leo Maslan Jim Guy
Leland Atwood Bill Harthan
Bill Fitts Dale Rook

Ballot Clerks – by respective parties – 2 years

Marion Stone-Rep Audrey Jacquier- Dem
Alma Jacklin- Rep. Judy Rook-Dem

Ct. River Commission – by the Governor

Cheston Newbold

**2010 CORNISH TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School Gymnasium in said Cornish on Tuesday, the 9th of March, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1, 2 & 3 of the Warrant will be acted upon at 10:00 a.m. Voting will be by official ballot and checklist, and the polls will be open for this purpose and will remain open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close. The business portion of Town Meeting will begin at 12:00 noon. **Articles 4 through 24** will be acted upon at that time.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adopting of the amendment to the Town of Cornish Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: to amend and revise Article X to bring the wording of the criteria for the granting of a variance as listed in the Cornish Zoning Ordinance in line with the wording of the criteria for the granting of a variance as listed in the State RSA. The Zoning Board of Adjustment currently uses the State criteria. (Submitted by the Selectmen and has the approval of the Planning Board.) (A copy of the proposed amendment is available in the Town Clerk's office.)

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adopting of the amendment to the Town of Cornish Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend and revise Articles II and IV to define and regulate private campsites and construction trailers/offices. Private Campsites would be allowed in all zones for a maximum total occupation of four (4) thirty (30) day periods per calendar year with a permit from the Cornish Selectboard. One or more private campsites used in conjunction with a residential structure on the same lot may be occupied for thirty (30) days per calendar year without a permit. Private construction trailers/offices associated with construction are permitted for a specific period of time, as determined by the Cornish Selectboard, while a building permit is valid or until completion of the associated construction, whichever occurs first. (Submitted by the Selectmen and has the approval of the Planning Board.) (A copy of the proposed amendment is available in the Town Clerk's office.)

Article 4: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

(a)	Town Office.....	69,199
(b)	Tax Collector.....	13,062
(c)	Town Clerk.....	12,265
(d)	Election, Registration, Vital Statistics.....	2,805
(e)	Audit Town Books.....	8,000
(f)	Revaluation of Property.....	8,000
(g)	Legal Expenses.....	5,000
(h)	Planning Board.....	2,200
(i)	Zoning Board of Adjustment.....	500
(j)	Building & Grounds.....	25,815
(k)	Cemeteries and Perpetual Care.....	19,000
(l)	Insurance (Property/Liability).....	49,000
(m)	Regional Assoc (UVLSRPC).....	2,081
(n)	Records Preservation.....	0
(o)	Spirit Committee.....	500
(p)	Police Department.....	65,785
(q)	Ambulance.....	18,345

(r)	Fire Department.....	30,650
(s)	Emergency Management.....	50
(t)	Septage.....	2,500
(u)	Recycling.....	12,870
(v)	Hazardous Waste.....	1,000
(w)	Human Services.....	16,050
(x)	Parks & CREA Land.....	8,370
(y)	Memorial Day.....	750
(z)	Conservation Commission Expense.....	800
(z1)	Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000
(z2)	Public Library Fund.....	13,204

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to be placed in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to perform a data verification (list and measure) of our property values and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount from the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be placed in the Library Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 for the purchase of a back-hoe for the Highway Department and to authorize the sum of \$65,000 to be withdrawn from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and \$30,000 to come from surplus. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$459,921 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$365,937 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above-mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$93,983.80 to be received from the State as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$297,150 in federal grant funds for energy improvements at the Cornish Elementary School; the grant having already been applied for and no funds for this article shall come from general taxation; and to authorize the Selectmen to either transfer the funds to the Cornish School District or to pay costs for said improvements directly. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 16: By petition, to see if the Town will vote to designate Platt Road 'Scenic' pursuant to NH RSA 231:157.

Article 17: By petition, to see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 97-A:23, IV, to rescind the prior town vote which authorized revenues received from the Land Use Change Tax to be deposited into the Conservation Fund, so that the Land Use Change Tax shall be deemed General Fund Revenue. If adopted, this change shall take effect the Tax Year beginning April 1, 2010. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the Cornish Fire Association, with said funds to come from surplus. (This represents the funds from the sale of the 1985 Dodge Truck.) (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190,000 for the replacement of Engine One for the Cornish Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of \$190,000 from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to make improvements in the Town Forest and to authorize the expenditure of gifts, grants, or timber proceeds for this purpose. No part of this appropriation will come from tax dollars. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)


Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the repair, maintenance and improvement of Trinity Church and its grounds, with said funds to come from the Trinity Church Special Revenue fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

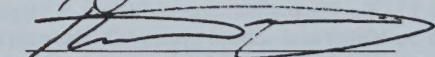
Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

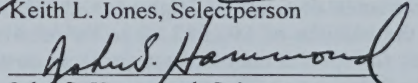
Article 23: To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Article 24: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 12th day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Ten.


Merilyn B. Bourne, Selectperson


Keith L. Jones, Selectperson


John S. Hammond, Selectperson

A true copy attest, Selectmen of Cornish

Cornish, NH

Town Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2009

The minutes of the Cornish Town Meeting held on Tuesday the 10th of March. Town of Cornish Moderator, Peter Burling opened the polls at 10:00 AM to begin the voting session. Moderator Peter Burling noted that the Warrant was properly certified and that all three of the Selectboard signatures were displayed at the end of the warrant. Moderator Peter Burling then read the Town Warrant in its entirety. Supervisors of the checklists and Ballot Clerks were sworn in by Moderator, Peter Burling. The Business portion of the meeting began at 12:00 noon with a moment of silence for those whom have passed away this past year and a prayer lead by Reverend Dale Nicholas followed by the pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Article 1: To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Selectperson (3 years): John Hammond (180)
Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 years): Heather Meeks (173)
Town Treasurer (1 year): William Caterino (181)
Highway Agent: (1year): Daniel Flynn (173)
Tax Collector (1year): Reigh Sweetser (192)
Sexton (1 year): Frank Ackerman (139)
Library Trustee (1 year): Bernice Johnson (188)
Office of General Assistance (1 year): Connie Kousman (189)

- Article 2:**
- (a) Town Office- John Hammond moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$68,025. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.
 - (b) Tax Collector- Bill Caterino moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$12,315. The motion was seconded by Bill Wall and voted on in the affirmative.
 - (c) Town Clerk-Bernice Johnson moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$12,865. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.
 - (d) Election, Registrations, Vital Statistics- Fred Sullivan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,805. The motion was seconded by John Hammond and voted on in the affirmative.

(e) Audit Town Books- Bill Caterino moved that the Town raise and appropriate to \$8,000. The motion was seconded by Christine Heins and voted on in the affirmative.

(f) Revaluation of Property- Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$ 8,000. The motion was seconded by Christine Heins and voted on in the affirmative.

(g) Legal Expenses- Heather Meeks moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.

(h) Planning Board- Sheila Drury moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,520. The motion was seconded by Polly Rand and voted on in the affirmative.

(i) Zoning Board of Adjustment- Bill Balch moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$650. The motion was seconded by Jan Lord and voted on in the affirmative.

(j) Building and Grounds- Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$26,915. The motion was seconded by Ann Hier and voted on in the affirmative.

(k) Cemeteries and Perpetual Care- Sally Wellborn moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$19,125. The motion was seconded by John Hammond and voted on in the affirmative.

(l) Insurance (Property/Liability) - Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$49,000. The motion was seconded by John Hammond and voted on in the affirmative.

(m) Regional Assoc. (UVLSRPC)- Cheston Newbold moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,978. The motion was seconded by John Dryhout and voted on in the affirmative.

(n) Records Preservation- John Hammond moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$0. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.

- (o) Spirit Committee- Colleen O'Neill moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$500. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Storrs and voted on in the affirmative.
- (p) Police Department- John Scott moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$56,935. The motion was seconded by Sheila Drury. Karen Strout spoke up and stated that she would like to see this level funded and voiced concerns that this is not the budget to cut because of hard economic times and crime could be on the rise. Doug Hackett spoke with concerns of what does happen when you cut police hours during hard economic times. Karen Strout made the motion to amend the motion to \$63,367(level funded). The motion was seconded by John Scott and was voted on in the affirmative.
- (q) Ambulance – Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$18,345. The motion was seconded by Bernice Johnson and was voted on in the affirmative.
- (r) Fire Department- Judy Rook moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$30,650. The motion was seconded by Dale Rook and voted on in the affirmative.
- (s) Emergency Management- Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$50. The motion was seconded by Doug Thayer and voted on in the affirmative.
- (t) Septage- Polly Rand moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Glenn Thornton and voted on in the affirmative.
- (u) Recycling- Bill Gallagher moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$9,000. The motion was seconded by Dale Rook and voted on in the affirmative.
- (v) Hazardous Waste- Bill Gallagher moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Ruth Rollins and voted on in the affirmative.
- (w) Human Services- John Hammond moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$16,050. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.

(x) Parks & CREA Land- Bill Gallagher moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$6,370. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.

(y) Memorial Day- Helen Lovell moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$750. The motion was seconded by Ruth Rollins and was voted on in the affirmative.

(z) Conservation Commission Expense- Bill Gallagher moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$800. Selectman noted that this money is for operating expenses. The motion was seconded by Sally Wellborn and voted on in the affirmative.

(z1) Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes- Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,000. The motion was seconded by John Hammond and voted on in the affirmative.

(z2) Public Library Fund- Kathy Patterson moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$ 13,229. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 3: Bill Gallagher moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. The motion was seconded by Gretchen Holm and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 4: Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 to be placed in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Michael Monette questioned why the town was purchasing a new piece of equipment. Peter Burling asked to hold this article until after we do Article 10.

Article 5: Helen Lovell moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Molly Wood and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 6: John Hammond moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.

- Article 7:** Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by John Hammond. The motion was voted on in the affirmative.
- Article 8:** Helen Lovell moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be placed in the Library Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and was voted on in the affirmative. Peter Burling suggested that there may be stimulus money for this and should be looked into this year.
- Article 9:** John Hammond moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne. Larry Dingee asked if there were any plans scheduled for the replacement of the bridge on Clark Camp Road. Merilynn Bourne said that there were no plans this year. This was voted on in the affirmative. Peter Burling suggested that there may be stimulus money for this and should be looked into this year.
- Article 10:** Fred Sullivan moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purchase of a new or used tractor, 4x4 with a cab and bucket, for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$40,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. If there are any funds derived from the sale of the existing tractor, then the selectman are authorized to deposit said amount in the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Sheila Drury seconded the motion. Dan Flynn talked about the existing tractor and the problems it had and the work that needs to be done. Dan stated that it is not OSHA safe and needs to be replaced. The motion was seconded by John Hammond and voted on in the affirmative.
- Article 4:** Merilynn Bourne moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 to be placed in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Keith Jones seconded the motion. Heather Meeks made the motion to amend the amount to \$50,000 and was seconded by Fred Sullivan. After a discussion the motion to amend the article was withdrawn and was vote on in the affirmative.

Article 11: Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$433,532 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$ 343,529 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$90,000 to be received from the State as Highway Block Grant. James Barker and Carolyn Storrs commended Dan on doing a good job with the roads this year. Their concern was if there was enough money for Dan to work with this year with the budget cut. Suzanne Haseman stated that she lives on Paget Road and was impassable this past week and if we cut the budget, how will that affect our roads. Merilynn Bourne said that there will be no paving this year. Rebecca Flynn had concerns and commented that what will happen if we don't do another layer of blacktop on Center Road this year. Everett Cass stated that Dan can spend his allotted money where he sees it needs it the most. Maybe we should have money allocated for a blacktop fund separate. Bill Wall asked Dan if he was happy with the budget cuts this year and Dan Flynn said that when you cut budgets there is always a safety concerns. Merilynn Bourne said there is a cushion of \$10,000. in the account for health insurance that is not used every year, but is there just in case an employee need the insurance. Rebecca Flynn made a motion to amend the sum to \$471,896. Bob Bladen seconded the motion. This was voted on in the negative. The motion was made to amend the amount to \$433,532. This was seconded and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 12: John Hammond moved to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$44,700 to perform a full update of our property values and to authorize the Selectman to withdraw the amount from the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund. Residents asked if there was another company other than Avitar that did appraisals and if the town could put this out to bid in the future. Merilynn Bourne said that the selectman could look into this but reminded that the software would have to be changed and that could be costly. Merilynn Bourne seconded this motion and was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 13: Bernice Johnson moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,953 for buildings maintenance, repairs and improvements to the Library and to authorize the selectman to withdraw the amount from the Library Capital Reserve Fund. Dan Flynn seconded this motion and was voted on in the informative.

Article 14: Polly Rand moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$1,500 to make improvements in the Town Forest and to authorize the expenditure of gifts, grants or proceeds from the maintenance fund for this purpose. No part of this appropriation will come from tax dollars. Rickey Poor seconded this motion and was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 15: Peter Burling asked to move this Article after Article 16. Merilynn Bourne seconded.

Article 16: Fred Sullivan moved to see if the Town will vote to rescind the prior Town vote which authorized revenues received from the Land Use Change Tax to be deposited into the Conservation Fund, so that the Land Use Change Tax shall be deemed General Fund revenue. If adopted, this change shall take effect the tax year beginning April 1, 2009. The motion was seconded by Doug Thayer. Bill Gallagher spoke on behalf of the Conservation Commission and its purchase of easements and the benefits for the town. Fred Sullivan spoke in favor of this article stating that families can't pay their taxes and the monies could go back into the general fund to help all the taxpayers in Cornish. Larry Dingee made a motion to split the monies 50/50. Doug Thayer seconded. The motion was voted on in the negative. Bill Wall made a motion to request this be voted on by paper ballot. Doug Thayer seconded. Vote on paper ballot: Vote was in the negative.

Yes: 36 No: 109

Article 15: Merilynn Bourne moved to pass over this Article and was seconded by John Hammond. The motion was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 17: John Hammond moved to accept the gift of the Trinity Church property and its contents, subject to the following conditions: a. that the church shall be used for civic purposes for the residents of the Town of Cornish, and for others, which shall include, but not be limited to, its use for marriages, funerals, and memorial events, and for religious services, without regard to denomination; and, that the church will not be used for residential or commercial purposes or for purposes inconsistent with the historic nature of the building. Helen Lovell seconded this motion. Jim Atkinson spoke of the history behind this church and how significant it was and the people that were buried there and there importance to Cornish. Merilynn said that if we did not vote in favor of this it would go back to the Episcopal diocese. Barbara Cieski was concerned that Peter Burling should get the church back and not the Episcopal diocese. Leo Maslan expressed concern that there was no fire protection (sprinklers) in the building and the concern of vandalism. The motion was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 18: John Rand moved that the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict one hundred percent (100%) of revenues received from the fees for the use of the use of the Trinity Church to expenditures for the purpose of maintenance, repair and improvement to the Trinity Church and its grounds. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Trinity Church Fund, separate from the general fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by the legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. Polly Rand seconded and was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 19: Helen Lovell moved to see if the Town shall raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the repair, maintenance and improvements of the Trinity Church and its grounds, and to authorize the expenditures of user fees, gifts, grants, or proceeds from the Trinity Church Fund for that purpose. Bill Caterino seconded. John Hammond made a motion to amend this motion to \$2000. It was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 20: Doug Thayer moved to see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. Bernice Johnson seconded the motion and was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 21: Doug Thayer moved to hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto. Heather Meeks seconded and was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 22: John Hammond moved to transact other business that may legally come before this meeting. Merilynn Bourne seconded and was vote on in the affirmative.

Other Business:

1. Caroline Storrs suggested that Town meeting be moved to a time where more working residents could attend and participate in the meeting. Maybe we could do a potluck meal to help draw more to attend. Drew Reed thought that this may be a hardship for the elderly who currently attend. Judy Rook thinks that working people would not come because they are too tired and have to get up early especially if the meeting went into the night. Fred Sullivan stated that it never worked on a Saturday before and why would it work any later on a Tuesday. If people wanted to attend they would find a way to be at the meeting. Peter would like to have a public meeting on this subject in May.
2. Nancy Wightman commented that if you do not put it in the warrant, people do not discuss it. "To raise the necessary amount for the County Tax". Put it back in the Warrant every year.
3. Conservation Commission awarded the yearly Conservation Commission Award to Nancy Wightman and Janice Orion for their years of service in publishing "Consider This" monthly newsletter. They have been publishing the "Consider This" since 2000. Thank You and a standing ovation were made to Janice and Nancy.
4. Public Hearing: Saturday April 18, 2009
5. Special Town Meeting: Saturday April 25, 2009

There has been a Procedural Defect in the warning of the March 10, 2009 Town Meeting. The Selectman inadvertently failed to post the Town Warrant at the place of public meeting (school) 14 days prior to the public meeting. The warrant was posted on Tuesday March 3, 2009. To cure the defect in the original posting of the warrant, the town must vote to ratify the actions taken by the voters at Town Meeting March 10, 2009 at a Special Town Meeting not less than 21 days following the Town Meeting. (see RSA 31:5-b). Please remember to attend the Public Hearing on April 18th for the purpose of explaining the need for the Special Town Meeting. Please attend the Special Town Meeting on April 25, 2009 to ratify actions taken today. Both meetings will be at the Cornish School Gymnasium at 10 am.

Surveyors of Wood Bark and Lumber: Nominations were open; Bill Gallagher moved that the same slate be reinstated with one addition. Helen Lovell seconded and was a vote in the affirmative.

Gwynn Gallagher
Jim Fitch
Reyer Jaarsma
Fred Weld

Leo Maslan
Richard Thompson
James Neil
Bill Ladd

Hog Reeves: Nominations were open; Ruth Rollins moved to accept the following slate. Fred Sullivan seconded and voted on in the affirmative.

Dennis and Laura Zell
Jim and Regina Barker
Daniel and Melissa Merritt

Fence Viewers: Helen Lovell motioned to accept the following slate and was seconded by John Rand and voted on in the affirmative.

Henry Homeyer
Leo Maslan
Don Snowden

Bill Gallagher
John Woodhull

Merilynn Bourne moved to adjourn the business portion of the meeting at 5:30: pm. The motion was seconded by Keith Jones and voted on in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paula R. Harthan, Town Clerk

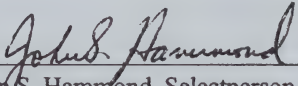
**2009 CORNISH SPECIAL TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:


You are hereby notified to meet at the School Gymnasium in said Cornish on Saturday, the 25TH of APRIL, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To see if the town will vote, pursuant to RSA31:5-b, to cure the defect in the original posting of the warrant which, although timely posted in two public places, was not timely posted at the place of the meeting and to vote to ratify the actions taken by the voters at Town Meeting held on March 10, 2009.


Given under our hand and seal this 6th day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Nine.



John S. Hammond, Selectperson



Marilyn B. Bourne, Selectperson



Keith L. Jones, Selectperson

A true copy attest, Selectmen of Cornish

Cornish, NH

Special Town Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2009

The minutes of the Special Town Meeting held on Saturday the 25th of April, 2009.

Town of Cornish Assistant Moderator, Gwynn Gallagher, called the meeting to order at 10:05am. Moderator Gallagher then read Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant. To see if the town will vote, pursuant to RSA 31:5-b, to cure the defect in the original posting of the warrant which, although timely posted in two public places, was not timely posted at the place of the meeting and to vote to ratify the actions taken by the voters at Town Meeting held March 10, 2009.

John Hammond, moved Article 1, seconded by Christine Hines. There were no questions, comments or concerns. Moderator Gallagher called the vote which was unanimous and in the affirmative.

Caroline Storrs asked about plans for a committee to look into changing the hours or the day for the regular town meeting. Selectwoman Bourne commented that the meeting should adjourn as there is only one article on the warrant and then voters can speak informally about the issue.

Merilynn Bourne moved to adjourn, seconded by Mike Monette. The vote was unanimous and in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned, 10:08am
Respectfully submitted,

Paula R. Harthan, Town Clerk

Statement of Revenues 2009 Budget

	2009 Final	2009 Actual	Estimate Over(Under)	2010 Proposed	Proposed Over(Under)
TAXES					
Land Use Change Taxes	0		0	0	0
Yield Taxes	12,000	7,214	(4,786)	7,000	(5,000)
Paymt in Lieu of Taxes	211		(211)	0	(211)
Interest & Penalty on Taxes	24,000	27,626	3,626	30,000	6,000
Excavation Tax	500	0	(500)	0	(500)
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES					
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	240,000	250,909	10,909	240,000	0
Building Permits	1,000	1,785	785	1,000	0
Dog Licenses and Fines	2,000	2,028	28	2,000	0
Other Permits and Fees	200	180	(20)	200	0
STATE OF NH & FEDERAL					
Shared Revenues-Rooms	76,277	76,322	45	76,322	45
Shared Revenue-BPT	11,939	0	(11,939)	0	(11,939)
Highway Block Grant	90,003	90,003	0	93,984	3,981
Bridge Aid	0		0	0	0
Railroad Tax & Other	802		(802)	0	(802)
Federal Energy Grant	0	0	0	297,150	297,150
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
Zoning Board Fees	100	170	70	100	0
Planning Board Fees	1,000	519	(481)	1,000	0
Zoning/Subdivision Reg. Sale	100	20	(80)	100	0
Cemetery	0	0	0	0	0
Burial Fees	500	700	200	500	0
Highway Dept. Income	1,000	0	(1,000)	0	(1,000)
Police Dept. Income	9,000	7,881	(1,119)	8,000	(1,000)
Fire Dept. Income	50		(50)	50	0
Recycling Income	0	2,846	2,846	5,000	5,000
MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES					
Sale of Town Property	0	2,000	2,000	0	0
Insurance Dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Rental of Town Property	1,000	1,550	550	1,000	0
Interest on Investments	10,000	5,894	(4,106)	5,000	(5,000)
Town Forest	1,500	0	(1,500)	1,500	0
Other Sources	10,000	12,878	2,878	10,800	800
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
Trust & Special Revenue	2,175	1,362	(813)	3,175	1,000
Capital Reserve Funds	104,753	96,795	(7,958)	263,000	158,247
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Use of Fund Balance	0	20,000	20,000	52,000	52,000
TOTAL REVENUES	600,110	608,682	8,572	1,098,881	498,771

2009 Budget
General Fund Balance Sheet

	December 2009	December 2008
ASSETS		
Cash & Short Term Investments	1,187,023	1,087,993
Petty Cash	300	300
Uncollected Property Taxes	257,999	228,180
Uncollected Yield Taxes	149	0
Unredeemed Taxes	71,576	48,291
Allowance for Tax Refunds	(40,015)	(29,848)
Due from CREA Barn Fund	280	0
Due from Trust Funds	0	8,000
Prepaid Expenses	0	4,832
Deeded Property Held for Resale	4,607	15,028
TOTAL ASSETS	1,481,919	1,362,776
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Due to Conservation Fund	0	21,869
Due to School District	1,014,109	863,318
Due to Town Forest	448	448
Retirement Withholding	2,981	3,358
Deferred Tax Revenue	4,895	5,850
Reserve for Deeded Property	4,607	15,028
Fund Balance:		
Reserved for Encumbrances	1,015	2,907
Undesignated	453,864	449,998
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	1,481,919	1,362,776

Source MS-5 Part 2

**2009 Budget Summary of Appropriations and Expenditures
Town of Cornish**

	2009 Final Approp	2009 Actual Expend	2009 Over (Under)	2010 Proposed Budget	2010 Increase (Decrease)
TOWN GOVERNMENT					
Town Office	68,025	62,097	(5,928)	69,199	1,174
Tax Collector	12,315	12,231	(84)	13,062	747
Town Clerk	12,865	10,965	(1,900)	12,265	(600)
Elections	2,805	1,534	(1,271)	2,805	0
Audit	8,000	9,985	1,985	8,000	0
Appraisal Fees	8,000	5,241	(2,759)	8,000	0
Legal	5,000	6,625	1,625	5,000	0
Planning Board	2,520	2,191	(329)	2,200	(320)
Zoning Board	650	265	(385)	500	(150)
Buildings	26,915	23,079	(3,836)	25,815	(1,100)
Cemeteries	19,125	20,273	1,148	19,000	(125)
Insurance	49,000	45,099	(3,901)	49,000	0
Regional Assoc	1,978	2,047	69	2,081	103
Records Preservation	0	0	0	0	0
Spirit Comm	500	279	(221)	500	0
TOTAL	217,698	201,912	(15,786)	217,427	(271)
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police Dept	63,367	61,102	(2,265)	65,785	2,418
Ambulance	18,345	18,344	(1)	18,345	0
Fire Dept	30,650	30,650	(0)	30,650	0
Emergency Mgmt	50	0	(50)	50	0
TOTAL	112,412	110,096	(2,316)	114,830	2,418
HIGHWAY DEPT					
Class V Roads	433,532	444,575	11,043	459,921	26,389
TOTAL	433,532	444,575	11,043	459,921	26,389
SANITATION					
Septage	2,500	2,492	(9)	2,500	0
Recycling	9,000	10,619	1,619	12,870	3,870
Hazardous Waste	1,500	791	(709)	1,000	(500)
TOTAL	13,000	13,901	901	16,370	3,370
HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES					
	16,050	12,884	(3,166)	16,050	0
TOTAL	16,050	12,884	(3,166)	16,050	0

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	2009 Final Approp	2009 Actual Expend	2009 Over (Under)	2010 Proposed Budget	2010 Increase (Decrease)
COMMUNITY & RECREATION					
Parks & CREA Land	6,370	6,370	0	6,370	0
CREA Playing Fields				2,000	2,000
Memorial Day	750	811	61	750	0
TOTAL	7,120	7,181	61	9,120	2,000
CONSERVATION					
Conservation Comm	800	854	54	800	0
TOTAL	800	854	54	800	0
INTEREST					
Notes	2,000	0	(2,000)	2,000	0
TOTAL	2,000	0	(2,000)	2,000	0
OPERATING TRANSFERS					
Library Fund	13,229	13,229	0	13,204	(25)
Conservation	4,500	4,500	0	4,500	0
Highway Capital	45,000	45,000	0	55,000	10,000
Fire Capital	22,000	22,000	0	22,000	0
Police Capital	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
Appraisal Capital	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
Library Capital	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	0
Bridge Capital	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
TOTAL	110,729	110,729	0	120,704	9,975
TOTAL before ART.	913,341	902,132	(11,209)	957,222	43,881
ARTICLES					
Article 10 2009, Tractor	40,000	36,220	(3,780)	0	(40,000)
Article 12 2009, Property update	44,700	44,700	0	0	(44,700)
Article 13 2009, Library repairs	19,953	15,499	(4,454)	0	(19,953)
Article 14 2009, Town Forest	1,500	0	(1,500)	0	(1,500)
Article 19 2009, Trinity Church	2,000	0	(2,000)	0	(2,000)
Article 10 2010, Data Verification	0	0	0	8,000	8,000
Article 13 2010, Backhoe	0	0	0	95,000	95,000
Article 15 2010, School Energy	0	0	0	297,150	297,150
Article 18 2010, CFA Truck	0	0	0	2,000	2,000
Article 19 2010, Fire Truck	0	0	0	190,000	190,000
Article 20 2010, Town Forest	0	0	0	1,500	1,500
Article 21 2010, Trinity Church	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
TOTAL ART.	108,153	96,419	(11,734)	594,650	486,497
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,021,494	998,551	(22,943)	1,551,872	530,378

2009 Budget Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Town of Cornish

	2009 Final Approp	2009 Actual Expend	2009 Over (Under)	2010 Proposed Budget	2010 Increase (Decrease)	% Inc (Dec)
(a) TOWN OFFICE						
Salaries	35,500	34,712	(788)	36,374	874	2%
Salary - Treasurer	1,200	1,200	0	1,200	0	0%
Salary - Dep Treas	100	100	0	100	0	0%
FICA	2,200	2,233	33	2,200	0	0%
Medicare	600	522	(78)	600	0	0%
Medical Ins. - Town	12,000	6,807	(5,193)	12,000	0	0%
Retirement	0	3,195	3,195	3,200	3,200	0%
Advertising	250	233	(17)	250	0	0%
Memberships	1,300	1,277	(23)	1,300	0	0%
Postage	800	736	(64)	800	0	0%
Software Leases	3,000	2,129	(871)	2,300	(700)	-23%
Copier Lease	2,400	2,054	(346)	1,250	(1,150)	-48%
Computer Expense	1,000	354	(646)	1,000	0	0%
Office Supplies	1,750	1,196	(554)	1,750	0	0%
Town Report	2,500	2,875	375	2,500	0	0%
Mileage	3,000	2,114	(886)	2,100	(900)	-30%
Training & Educ	300	9	(292)	150	(150)	-50%
Registry of Deeds	75	0	(75)	75	0	0%
Misc Expense	<u>50</u>	<u>351</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
TOTAL	68,025	62,097	(5,928)	69,199	1,174	2%
(b) TAX COLLECTOR						
Salary	6,000	6,000	0	6,000	0	0%
Salary - Dep Tax Coll.	600	600	0	600	0	0%
FICA	460	487	27	500	40	9%
Medicare	125	114	(11)	125	0	0%
Memberships	25	20	(5)	25	0	0%
Postage	1,000	1,154	154	1,500	500	50%
Software Leases	1,505	1,641	136	1,712	207	14%
Computer Expense	200	70	(130)	200	0	0%
Office supplies	400	324	(76)	400	0	0%
Mileage	350	354	4	350	0	0%
Training&Educ	200	50	(150)	200	0	0%
Tax Lien & Deed Fees	1,200	1,260	60	1,200	0	0%
Registry of Deeds	200	156	(44)	200	0	0%
Misc Expense	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(50)</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
TOTAL	12,315	12,231	(84)	13,062	747	6%

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Town of Cornish**

	2009 Final Approp	2009 Actual Expend	2009 Over (Under)	2010 Proposed Budget	2010 Increase (Decrease)	
(c) TOWN CLERK						
Salary	1,800	1,800	0	1,800	0	0%
Salary - Dep T. Clerk	600	600	0	600	0	0%
FICA	1,000	915	(85)	1,000	0	0%
Medicare	250	214	(36)	250	0	0%
Memberships	25	20	(5)	25	0	0%
Postage	700	829	129	800	100	14%
Software Leases	2,500	2,560	60	2,600	100	4%
Computer Expense	1,000	309	(691)	500	(500)	-50%
Office Supplies	400	204	(196)	400	0	0%
Reference Books	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Dog Licenses	140	118	(22)	140	0	0%
Mileage	500	316	(184)	400	(100)	-20%
Training & Education	500	100	(400)	300	(200)	-40%
Motor Vehicles	3,300	4,316	1,016	3,300	0	0%
Marriage Lic. Fees	20	(487)	(507)	20	0	0%
Fish & Game Fees	20	(934)	(954)	20	0	0%
Title Fees	20	(24)	(44)	20	0	0%
Wetland fees	20	0	(20)	20	0	0%
Validation Fee	20	(95)	(115)	20	0	0%
Misc Expense	<u>50</u>	<u>203</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
TOTAL	12,865	10,965	(1,900)	12,265	(600)	-5%
(d) ELECTIONS						
Salaries	2,000	1,115	(885)	2,000	0	0%
FICA	50	21	(29)	50	0	0%
Medicare	25	5	(20)	25	0	0%
Advertising	100	26	(74)	100	0	0%
Postage	30	18	(12)	30	0	0%
Computer Expense	250	0	(250)	250	0	0%
Office Supplies	100	0	(100)	100	0	0%
Election Expenses	50	0	(50)	50	0	0%
Mileage	100	77	(23)	100	0	0%
Misc Expense	50	0	(50)	50	0	0%
Vitals - State	0	283	283	0	0	0%
Vitals-Town clerk	<u>50</u>	<u>(10)</u>	<u>(60)</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
TOTAL	2,805	1,534	(1,271)	2,805	0	0%

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Town of Cornish**

		2009 Final Approp	2009 Actual Expend	2009 Over (Under)	2010 Proposed Budget	2010 Increase (Decrease)	
(e) .AUDIT							
Audit		<u>8,000</u>	<u>9,985</u>	<u>1,985</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
TOTAL		8,000	9,985	1,985	8,000	0	0%
(f) REVALUATION							
Appraisal Fees		<u>8,000</u>	<u>5,241</u>	<u>(2,759)</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
TOTAL		8,000	5,241	(2,759)	8,000	0	0%
(g) LEGAL							
Legal Expense		<u>5,000</u>	<u>6,625</u>	<u>1,625</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
TOTAL		5,000	6,625	1,625	5,000	0	0%
(h) PLANNING BOARD							
Salaries		1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0	0%
FICA		100	62	(38)	100	0	0%
Medicare		20	15	(6)	20	0	0%
Advertising		600	85	(515)	400	(200)	-33%
Postage		500	94	(406)	380	(120)	-24%
Mileage		50	26	(24)	50	0	0%
Training & Educ		150	117	(34)	150	0	0%
Misc Expense		<u>100</u>	<u>793</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
TOTAL		2,520	2,191	(329)	2,200	(320)	-13%
(i) ZONING BOARD							
Salaries		300	30	(270)	150	(150)	-50%
FICA		0	2	2	0	0	0%
Medicare		0	0	0	0	0	0%
Advertising		100	90	(10)	100	0	0%
Postage		150	80	(70)	150	0	0%
Mileage		0	0	0	0	0	0%
Training & Educ		50	63	13	50	0	0%
Misc Expense		<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(50)</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
TOTAL		650	265	(385)	500	(150)	-23%

**2009 Budget Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Town of Cornish**

	2009 Final Approp	2009 Actual Expend	2009 Over (Under)	2010 Proposed Budget	2010 Increase (Decrease)	
(j) BUILDINGS & GROUNDS						
TOWN OFFICES						
Salaries	6,000	3,650	(2,350)	6,000	0	0%
FICA	100	226	126	100	0	0%
Medicare	30	53	23	30	0	0%
Electricity	2,000	1,814	(186)	2,000	0	0%
Heat	3,000	2,688	(312)	3,000	0	0%
Telephone	2,300	2,303	3	2,300	0	0%
Internet	900	449	(451)	900	0	0%
Building Maintenance	2,000	4,474	2,474	2,000	0	0%
Cleaning	500	0	(500)	500	0	0%
Rugs	600	612	12	600	0	0%
Misc.	150	155	5	150	0	0%
Maintenance Supplies	<u>200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(200)</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
subtotal	17,780	16,425	(1,355)	17,780	0	0%
TOWN HALL						
Salaries	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0	0%
FICA	25	0	(25)	25	0	0%
Medicare	10	0	(10)	10	0	0%
Electricity	3,500	2,461	(1,039)	3,000	(500)	-14%
Heat	3,100	1,858	(1,242)	2,500	(600)	-19%
Trash	500	490	(10)	500	0	0%
Building Maintenance	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,845</u>	<u>845</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
subtotal	9,135	6,654	(2,481)	8,035	(1,100)	-12%
TOTAL	26,915	23,079	(3,836)	25,815	(1,100)	-4%
(k) CEMETERIES						
Salaries	11,500	10,775	(725)	11,500	0	0%
FICA	527	801	274	527	0	0%
Medicare	123	187	64	123	0	0%
Tools	500	412	(88)	500	0	0%
Gasoline	950	1,111	161	950	0	0%
Diesel	250	239	(11)	250	0	0%
Hired Equipment	500	0	(500)	400	(100)	-20%
Miscellaneous	100	5	(96)	75	(25)	-25%
Cemetery Vehicle	1,000	1,411	411	1,000	0	0%
Equipment Repair	500	781	281	500	0	0%
Maintenance Supplies	500	38	(462)	500	0	0%
Perpetual Care	2,000	1,187	(813)	2,000	0	0%
Sanderson Fund	175	200	25	175	0	0%
Tree Removal	0	259	259	0	0	0%
Burial Expenses	500	865	365	500	0	0%
Headstone Cleaning	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
Tool/Vault	<u>0</u>	<u>1,386</u>	<u>1,386</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
Subtotal	19,125	19,657	532	19,000	(125)	-1%
Encumbered to 2010	0	616	616			
TOTAL	19,125	20,273	1,148	19,000	(125)	-1%

**2009 Budget Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Town of Cornish**

	2009 Final Approp	2009 Actual Expend	2009 Over (Under)	2010 Proposed Budget	2010 Increase (Decrease)	
(l) INSURANCE						
Property & Liability	<u>49,000</u>	<u>45,099</u>	<u>(3,901)</u>	<u>49,000</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
TOTAL	49,000	45,099	(3,901)	49,000	0	0%
(m) REGIONAL ASSOC.						
UVLSRPC Retainer	<u>1978</u>	<u>2047</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>2081</u>	<u>103</u>	5%
TOTAL	1978	2047	69	2081	103	5%
(n) TOWN RECORDS						
Records Preservation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0%
(o) SPIRIT COMMITTEE						
Spirit Project	<u>500</u>	<u>279</u>	<u>(221)</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
TOTAL	500	279	(221)	500	0	0%
(p) POLICE DEPARTMENT						
Salaries	31,380	28,193	(3,187)	32,144	764	2%
Salaries - Special	6,500	5,140	(1,360)	6,500	0	0%
FICA	2,107	1,949	(158)	2,107	0	0%
Medicare	525	456	(69)	525	0	0%
Postage	30	73	43	30	0	0%
Computer Expense	1,625	1,544	(81)	1,625	0	0%
Office Supplies	300	441	141	300	0	0%
Training & Educ	600	696	96	400	(200)	-33%
Telephone	2,170	2,293	123	2,170	0	0%
Internet	840	847	7	840	0	0%
Heat	800	658	(142)	650	(150)	-19%
Transcription Services	100	90	(10)	100	0	0%
Uniforms	1,200	2,326	1,126	900	(300)	-25%
Equipment	300	513	213	1,053	753	251%
Dispatch	8,390	8,232	(158)	8,678	288	3%
Gasoline	1,750	2,489	739	2,400	650	37%
Contracted Services	2,250	2,750	500	2,363	113	5%
Misc Expense	50	14	(36)	50	0	0%
Equipment Repair	500	397	(103)	500	0	0%
Radios	450	206	(244)	450	0	0%
Building Maintenance	500	741	241	500	0	0%
Vehicle Maintenance	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,052</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>500</u>	50%
TOTAL	63,367	61,102	(2,265)	65,785	2,418	4%

**2009 Budget Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Town of Cornish**

	2009 Final Approp	2009 Actual Expend	2009 Over (Under)	2010 Proposed Budget	2010 Increase (Decrease)	
(q) AMBULANCE						
Windsor	10,760	10,760	(1)	10,760	0	0%
Golden Cross	<u>7,585</u>	<u>7,585</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>7,585</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
TOTAL	18,345	18,344	(1)	18,345	0	0%
(r) FIRE DEPARTMENT						
Subscriptions	75	0	(75)	75	0	0%
Memberships	400	80	(320)	400	0	0%
Postage	50	0	(50)	50	0	0%
Mileage	150	0	(150)	150	0	0%
Training & Educ	200	4,110	3,910	200	0	0%
Telephone	900	1,349	449	900	0	0%
Electricity-Route 120	500	495	(5)	500	0	0%
Electricity-Town House	2,000	1,448	(552)	2,000	0	0%
Heat-Route 120	1,500	2,019	519	1,500	0	0%
Heat-Town House	1,600	2,977	1,377	1,600	0	0%
Fire Equipment	500	1,777	1,277	500	0	0%
Protective Gear	500	417	(83)	500	0	0%
Pagers	1,000	574	(426)	1,000	0	0%
Hose	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0	0%
Forest Fire	1,000	2,048	1,048	1,000	0	0%
Dispatch	7,000	5,113	(1,888)	7,000	0	0%
Gasoline	450	384	(66)	450	0	0%
Diesel	1,000	1,136	136	1,000	0	0%
Misc. Expense	150	30	(120)	150	0	0%
Equipment Repair	1,000	958	(42)	1,000	0	0%
Radios	500	0	(500)	500	0	0%
Maintenance-Sta 1	1,000	1,073	73	1,000	0	0%
Maintenance-Sta 2	250	669	419	250	0	0%
Engine 1	2,000	1,324	(676)	2,000	0	0%
Engine 2	2,000	1,398	(602)	2,000	0	0%
Engine 3	1,000	82	(918)	1,000	0	0%
Tanker	400	528	128	400	0	0%
Utility Truck	1,525	0	(1,525)	1,525	0	0%
SCBA	<u>1,000</u>	<u>262</u>	<u>(738)</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
Subtotal	30,650	30,251	(399)	30,650	0	0%
Encumbered to 2010	0	399	399			
TOTAL	30,650	30,650	(0)	30,650	0	0%
(s) EMERGENCY MGT.						
	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(50)</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
TOTAL	50	0	(50)	50	0	0%

**2009 Budget Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Town of Cornish**

	2009 Final Approp	2009 Actual Expend	2009 Over (Under)	2010 Proposed Budget	2010 Increase (Decrease)	
HIGHWAY						
Salaries	170,082	167,765	(2,317)	171,121	1,039	1%
Salaries-Part Time	2,500	1,037	(1,463)	2,500	0	0%
Salaries-Overtime	18,000	8,982	(9,018)	18,000	0	0%
FICA	12,000	11,011	(989)	12,000	0	0%
Medicare	2,800	2,575	(225)	2,800	0	0%
Retirement	17,800	15,906	(1,894)	16,900	(900)	-5%
Medical Ins -Town	30,000	34,822	4,822	35,000	5,000	17%
CDL testing	200	364	164	350	150	75%
Advertising	250	0	(250)	100	(150)	-60%
Training & Educ	500	37	(463)	500	0	0%
Telephone	700	563	(137)	700	0	0%
Electricity	2,500	2,102	(398)	2,500	0	0%
Heat	2,500	2,568	68	2,500	0	0%
Uniforms	1,500	1,122	(378)	1,500	0	0%
Permits	1,000	0	(1,000)	500	(500)	-50%
Gasoline	900	552	(348)	900	0	0%
Diesel	34,000	28,309	(5,691)	34,000	0	0%
Oil & Lubricants	2,500	2,924	424	2,500	0	0%
Asphalt & Tar	20,000	18,857	(1,143)	20,000	0	0%
Gravel	30,000	52,225	22,225	45,000	15,000	50%
Sand	15,000	12,968	(2,033)	15,000	0	0%
Salt	3,000	3,117	117	3,500	500	17%
Culverts	6,000	6,139	139	6,000	0	0%
Guard Rails	1,000	1,179	179	1,000	0	0%
Road Supplies	10,000	4,644	(5,356)	10,000	0	0%
Shop Supplies	2,500	2,024	(476)	2,500	0	0%
Hired Equipment	15,000	18,440	3,440	15,000	0	0%
Trash	600	385	(215)	600	0	0%
Plows,Chains,Blades	4,000	6,386	2,386	8,000	4,000	100%
Sanders	1,000	601	(399)	1,000	0	0%
2003 Ford Pickup	2,500	4,538	2,038	5,500	3,000	120%
2002 Truck	3,500	5,758	2,258	4,750	1,250	36%
2009 Truck	5,500	2,187	(3,313)	3,000	(2,500)	-45%
2005 Truck	2,500	3,783	1,283	3,750	1,250	50%
1999 Loader	3,000	961	(2,039)	3,000	0	0%
2002 Grader	4,000	15,585	11,585	4,000	0	0%
Kubota	1,000	231	(769)	250	(750)	-75%
Sweeper	1,000	1,280	280	1,000	0	0%
Insurance Reimb	0	117	117	0	0	0%
Radios	200	2,532	2,332	200	0	0%
Building Maintenance	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,806</u>	(694)	<u>2,500</u>	0	0%
Subtotal	433,532	446,381	12,849	459,921	26,389	6%
Encumbered from 2008	0	(1,806)	(1,806)	0		
TOTAL	433,532	444,575	11,043	467,921		

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Town of Cornish**

	2009 Final Approp	2009 Actual Expend	2009 Over (Under)	2010 Proposed Budget	2010 Increase (Decrease)	
SANITATION						
(t) Septage	2,500	2,492	(9)	2,500	0	0%
(u) Recycling	9,000	10,619	1,619	12,870	3,870	43%
(v) Hazardous Waste	<u>1,500</u>	<u>791</u>	<u>(709)</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>(500)</u>	-33%
TOTAL	13,000	13,901	901	16,370	3,370	26%
(w) HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES						
Health & Human Svc.	50	0	(50)	50	0	0%
Animal Control	480	415	(66)	480	0	0%
VNA & Hospice	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0	0%
Sullivan Cty Hospice	250	250	0	250	0	0%
SW Comm Serv	500	500	0	500	0	0%
Volunteers in Action	600	600	0	600	0	0%
West Central Services	1,870	1,870	0	1,870	0	0%
CT Valley Home Care	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	0	0%
Meals on Wheels	300	300	0	300	0	0%
Grafton Co. Sr Citizen	600	600	0	600	0	0%
Cornish Rescue Squad	4,400	4,400	<u>0</u>	4,400	<u>0</u>	0%
General Assistance	<u>3,500</u>	<u>449</u>	<u>(3,051)</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>0</u>	0%
TOTAL	16,050	12,884	(3,166)	16,050	0	0%
COMMUNITY & RECREATION						
(x) Parks & CREA Lands	6,370	6,370	0	6,370	0	0%
CREA Playing Fields	0	0	0	2,000	2,000	0%
(y) Memorial Day	<u>750</u>	<u>811</u>	61	<u>750</u>	0	0%
TOTAL	7,120	7,181	61	9,120	2,000	28%
CONSERVATION						
(z) Conservation Comm	800	854	54	800	0	0%
(z1) INTEREST						
Notes	2000	0	(2,000)	2000	0	0%
TOTAL	802,612	792,194	(10,418)	836,518	33,906	4%

2009 Salaries and Wages

	FTE/HRS	WKS	2009 Wage
TOWN OFFICE			
Bourne Merilyn		52	1,890
Caterino, Bill	4	52	1,200
Edgerton, Brent			100
Fontaine, Samantha	40	52	29,029
Hammond, John		52	2,573
Harthan, Paula		52	15,339
Jaarsma, Heidi			1,060
Jones, Keith		52	1,591
Sweetser, Reigh		52	8,058
CEMETERIES			
Abbott, George	24	26	8,425
Bladen, Robert			595
Rawson, John	24	26	8,072
POLICE			
Beaudry, Gerry			296
Hackett, Doug			21,346
Roberts, Paul			579
Stevens, Corey			6,709
Swett, Anthony			1,223
HIGHWAY			
Flynn, Daniel	40	52	42,679
Gilbert, Roger	40	52	35,092
McNamara, John	40	52	34,932
Rheume, Paul	40	52	32,989
Spaulding, Gary	40	52	31,055
LIBRARY			
Cromwell, Emily	10	52	6,212
Lawrence, Dale	6	52	2,010
RECYCLING			
Aldrich, George	5	52	2,430
Monette, Michael			154
Reed, Willis			534
Rook, Dale	5	52	2,393
TOTAL			298,566

2009 Budget Summary of Inventory Valuation

	2009 Acres	2009 Assessed Valuation	2008 Acres	2008 Assessed Valuation
Value of Land Only				
In Current Use at				
Current Use Values	20824.65	3,024,147	20,861.07	2,712,604
Conservation Restriction	1955.6	262,336	1,955.85	230,369
Residential	2876.9	64,640,000	2,867.13	57,073,300
Commerical/Industrial	5.03	635,600	5.53	570,300
TOTAL OF TAX LAND	25662	68,562,083	25,690	60,586,573
Value of Buildings Only				
Residential		108,898,710		114,665,510
Manufactured Housing		2,244,500		2,822,100
Commerical/Industrial		1,116,600		1,216,800
Discretionary Preservation		28,590		28,590
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS		112,288,400		118,733,000
Public Utilities - Electric				
Granite State Electric		276,200		234,800
New England Power		1,769,600		1,515,200
New Hampshire Electric Co-op		1,130,600		961,000
Public Service of NH & VT		1,143,200		1,163,900
Central VT Public Service		196,200		179,500
TransCanada Hydro NorhtEast		1,000		1,000
TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES		4,516,800		4,055,400
GRAND TOTAL VALUATION				
BEFORE EXEMPTION		185,367,283		183,374,973
Less Exemptions:				
Blind(3)		(45,000)		(30,000)
Elderly (17)		(1,050,000)		(1,410,000)
Disabled (0)		0		(25,000)
NET VALUATION ON WHICH				
TAX RATE IS COMPUTED		184,272,283		181,909,973
ACRES IN CURRENT USE				
Farm Land	2,218	764,717	2,255	674,194
Forest Land	18,289	2,253,224	18,272	2,034,190
Unproductive Land	169	3,372	175	2,274
Wetland	148	2,834	15	1,946
TOTAL ACREAGE	20,825	3,024,147	20,717	2,712,604

Source MS-1

**Town of Cornish
2009 Tax Computation**

	2010E	2009	2008
Total Town Appropriations	1,551,872	1,021,494	1,113,972
Add: Allowance for Refunds & Abatements	15,000	14,241	15,415
War Service Credits:			
Disabled Veterans @ \$1400	0	0	0
All Other Veterans @ \$500	46,000	46,000	47,000
Deduct: Non-Property Tax Town Revenues	(1,098,881)	(610,116)	(700,775)
State Shared Revenues	0	0	(9,090)
Town Taxes To Be Raised	513,991	471,619	466,522
Local School Tax Assessment	3,142,930	3,128,892	2,961,975
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	(739,783)	(739,783)	(718,657)
State Education Taxes	(422,651)	(422,651)	(443,777)
Local School Taxes To Be Raised	1,980,496	1,966,458	1,799,541
State Education Tax	422,651	422,651	443,777
County Tax Assessment	515,581	515,581	505,309
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	0	0	(3,928)
County Taxes To Be Raised	515,581	515,581	501,381
TOTAL PROP TAXES TO BE RAISED	3,432,719	3,376,309	3,211,221
Assessed Valuation	184,272,283	184,272,283	181,894,973
Assessed Valuation without Utilities	179,755,483	179,755,483	177,839,573
TOTAL TAX RATE PER \$1000 OF VALUATION	18.68	18.38	17.71
TAX RATE BREAKDOWN	2010E	2009	2008
Town Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	2.79	2.56	2.56
School Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	10.75	10.67	9.89
State School Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	2.35	2.35	2.50
County Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	2.80	2.80	2.76
TOTAL RATE	18.68	18.38	17.71

**Tax Collector's Report
Year Ending 12/31/2009**

	2009	2008
Uncollected Taxes - Start of Year		\$228,180.08
Property Taxes		
Yield Tax		
Taxes Committed This Year		
Property Taxes	\$3,331,164	
Land Use Change		
Yield Tax	\$7,772.12	
Overpayments		
From Prior Year	(\$5,850.31)	
Credits Refunded	\$5,638.92	
This Years' Credits	(\$10,533.87)	
Interest	\$3,434.44	\$14,367.41
Total Debits	\$3,331,625.30	\$242,547.49
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Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$3,070,031.57	\$149,528.05
Land Use Chage Tax		
Timber Yield Tax	\$7,214.48	
Interest	\$3,434.44	\$14,367.41
Excavation Tax		
Prior Year Overpmts	(\$5,850.31)	
Converted To Lien		\$74,481.03
Abatements		
Property Taxes	\$3,134	\$4,171.00
Yield Taxes	\$409	
Uncollected At The End Of The Year		
Property Taxes	\$257,998.66	
Land Use Change		
Yield Tax	149.01	
Remaining Over-payments	(\$4,894.95)	
Total Credits	\$3,331,625.30	\$242,547.49

I hereby certify that the above accounting is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief

Repectivley Submitted,
Reigh H. Sweetser, Tax Collector

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

LIENS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR

	2008	2007	2006
Unredeemed		\$ 39,591.56	\$ 8,698.96
Liens Executed	\$ 81,217.64		
Interest Collected	\$ 1,293.62	\$ 5,083.25	\$ 3,446.85
Total Lien Debts	\$82,511.26	\$44,674.81	\$12,145.81

COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

Redemptions	\$ 28,312.47	\$18,534.61	\$8,698.96
Interest Collected	\$ 1,293.62	\$ 5,083.25	\$ 3,446.85
Abatements	\$ 335.01	\$2,051.14	
Balance At End Of Year	\$ 52,570.16	\$ 19,005.81	
Total Lien Credits	\$82,511.26	\$44,674.81	\$12,145.81

I hereby Certify that the above accounting is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectively Submitted,
Reigh H. Sweetser
Tax Collector

**Treasurer's Report
year ending
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

Reconciliation - Citizens Bank Checking Account

Balance 12/31/2009		1,087,993.39
Add Receipts:		
Tax Collector	3,389,110.30	
Selectmen	419,831.99	
Town Clerk	265,690.23	
Total Available		5,162,625.91
Less Payments During Year:		
School	2,238,318.00	
County	515,581.00	
Town	1,221,704.29	
Total Payments		3,975,603.29
Balance 12/31/2009		1,187,022.62
Bank Statement Balance 12/31/2009		113,445.66

Add Short Term Investments	1,052,503.31
Add Uncollected Chargebacks	105.50
Add Deposits in Transit	91,739.15
Add Charge for 2010 Deposit Slips	26.09
Less Outstanding Checks	(70,797.09)

Checkbook Balance 12/31/2009 **1,187,022.62**

Special Funds in Custody of Treasurer-Invested in NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

	Beginning Of Year	Add Receipts	Less Payments	End Of Year
Conservation Fund	152,549.21	26,728.63	75,667.00	103,610.84
CREA Fund	8,875.32	29.25	1,928.05	6,976.52
Rodney Palmer Fund	16,433.18	54.97	250.00	16,238.15
CREA Barn Fund	9,732.97	32.09	8,541.65	1,223.41

Special Revenue

Trinity Church	0.00	750.00	750.00	0.00
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Respectfully Submitted,
William Caterino, Town Treasurer

Town of Cornish, NH Capital Reserve Funds 2009

Created	Fund Name	Beginning Balance	New Funds	Income	Expended	Year End Balance
1985	Appraisal	\$ 78,049.10	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,107.89	\$ 52,700.00	\$ 36,456.99
1995	Bridges	\$ 70,500.75	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,105.66		\$ 81,606.41
1970	Fire Truck	\$ 173,677.01	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 2,719.10		\$ 198,396.11
1967	Highway Equipment	\$ 49,787.62	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 1,390.59	\$ 36,596.25	\$ 59,581.96
2000	Library	\$ 71,617.04	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,101.70	\$ 15,499.00	\$ 59,219.74
1982	Police Cruiser	\$ 19,051.82	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 300.70		\$ 23,352.52
1979	School Bldg. Site Impr.	\$ 17,998.82	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 271.82	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 8,770.64
1986	School Block Fund	\$ 7,962.33	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 127.72		\$ 11,090.05
2002	School General Repairs	\$ 11,759.18	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 188.27		\$ 17,947.45
2002	School HVAC	\$ 23,644.40	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 372.16		\$ 30,016.56
2007	Spec Ed/HS Tuition	\$ 33,622.85	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 522.04		\$ 37,144.89

Totals \$ 557,670.92 \$ 117,000.00 \$ 9,207.65 \$ 120,295.25 \$ 563,583.32

*All funds were invested with Citizens Bank. The information contained in this report is accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Prepared by Heather Meeks, Shirley Bladen and Karen Johnson, Trustees of the Trust Funds*

Town of Cornish, NH Trust Funds 2009

Created	Fund Name	Purpose	Principal			Income			Available Balance
			Beginning Balance	New Funds	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Expended	
1987	Cornish Welfare	Charitable, Needy	\$ 3,518.54	\$ -	\$ 3,518.54	\$ 5,513.97	\$ 139.76		\$ 5,653.73
1989	Foss & Kimball	Charitable, Needy	\$ 5,096.04	\$ -	\$ 5,096.04	\$ 16,198.91	\$ 329.44	\$ 80.00	\$ 16,448.35
1971	M.J. Kenney	Charitable, Elderly	\$ 4,044.61	\$ -	\$ 4,044.61	\$ 7,632.40	\$ 180.68		\$ 7,813.08
1917	Stowell Library	Library	\$ 10,897.15	\$ -	\$ 10,897.15	\$ 3,546.81	\$ 203.51	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,960.32
1902	Mercer/Aid to Ed.	Scholarship/College	\$ 13,214.61	\$ -	\$ 13,214.61	\$ 69,445.42	\$ 1,278.94		\$ 70,724.36
1898	Public School	Scholarship	\$ 418.24	\$ -	\$ 418.24	\$ 1,157.94	\$ 24.39		\$ 1,182.33
1999	Queneau Scholarship	Scholarship/8th Grade	\$ 33,000.00	\$ -	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 2,751.15	\$ 553.15		\$ 3,304.30
1909	J. Foss/Flags	Town, Upkeep	\$ 1,731.40	\$ -	\$ 1,731.40	\$ 5,691.14	\$ 104.90	\$ 856.77	\$ 4,939.27
1902	Bearman Guide Boards	Town, Upkeep	\$ 1,173.06	\$ -	\$ 1,173.06	\$ 679.29	\$ 24.03	\$ 574.50	\$ 128.82
1985	Veterans' Memorial	Town, Upkeep	\$ 645.35	\$ -	\$ 645.35	\$ 801.86	\$ 22.38		\$ 824.24
Various	Perpetual Care	Cemetery	\$ 77,959.88	\$ 2,040.95	\$ 80,000.83	\$ 39,236.51	\$ 1,844.41	\$ 1,186.76	\$ 39,894.16
<i>Perpetual Care, New</i>									
2009	Nelson, Harry & Rose	Child		\$ 840.95					
2009	Ayer, Jennifer	Comings		\$ 600.00					
2009	Bladen, Bob & Shirley	Edminster		\$ 200.00					
2009	Philleson, Ray & Eleanor	Edminster		\$ 400.00					

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**Marriages Registered in the Town of Cornish for the year ending
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

DATE	GROOM'S NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDES NAME	RESIDENCE
02/21/09	Mitchell, Ryan P.	Jacksonville, NC	Jones, Tiffany A.	Cornish, NH
03/29/09	Nightingale, Peter L.	Cornish, NH	Abbott, Darlene M.	Cornish, NH
05/01/09	Boutin, Michael S.	Cornish, NH	Gauld, Misty J.	Cornish, NH
05/15/09	Hurley, Spencer P.	Cornish, NH	Mardanes, Nicole M.	Cornish, NH
06/06/09	Partridge, Garrett W.	Nashua, NH	Rheaume, Jennifer M.	Cornish, NH
06/13/09	Salmon, David C.	New London, NH	Whidden, Heather A.	Cornish, NH
06/20/09	Gover, Russell G.	Cornish, NH	LaClair, Tina M.	Cornish, NH
06/27/09	Storrs, Nicholas H.	Cornish, NH	Arnold-Levene, Elise H.	Cornish, NH
06/27/09	Gee, Shawn M.	Cornish, NH	Desmarai, Brittany P.	Claremont, NH
07/12/09	Freak, Jonathan D.	Cornish, NH	Gebregziabher, Kokob T.	Cornish, NH
07/29/09	Aitken, Neil C.	Cornish, NH	Ballard, Dena A.	Cornish, NH
08/08/09	Gonyea, Christopher R.	Cornish, NH	Gilbert, Christina M.	Cornish, NH
10/10/09	Adams, Ronald C.	Cornish, NH	Powers, Sarah L.	Bradford, VT

**Births Registered in the Town of Cornish for the year ending
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
Moore, Kaydence Marie	03/29/09	Lebanon, NH	Morre, Garrett	Albee, Brittney
Mather, Mercy Jane	04/03/09	Lebanon, NH	Mather, Jonathan	Mather, Lara
Cloud, Caroline Leona	06/10/09	Lebanon, NH	Cloud, Joshua	Tenney, Megan
Merritt, Dominic Robert Sayre	06/25/09	Lebanon, NH	Merritt, Daniel	Merritt, Melissa
Dupre, Kristopher Lawrence Blake	07/22/09	Lebanon, NH	Dupre, Kristopher	Call, Tara
Rogers, Hannah Charlotte	07/24/09	Lebanon, NH	Rogers, Benjamin	Rogers , Emily
Stearns, Eva Marie	07/29/09	Lebanon, NH	Stearns, Brad	Miner, Elizabeth
Frink, Hunter James	08/01/09	Lebanon, NH	Frink, John	Tracy, Megan
Mitchell, Edward Alexander	12/22/09	Lebanon, NH	Vaughn, John	Mitchell, Samantha

**Deaths Registered in the Town of Cornish for the year ending
DECEMBER 31, 2009**

DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
01/18/09	Cornish, NH	Ayer, Donald	Ayer, Percy	Simms, Louise
01/30/09	Claremont, NH	Maslan, Robert	Maslan, Francis	Malotta, Sophie
03/16/09	Lebanon, NH	Hahn, Jessie	Ellis Sr, Alfred	Bennett, Dorothy
06/05/09	Cornish, NH	LaClair, Joyce	Chamberlain, Clinton	Withington, Alice
09/08/09	Claremont, NH	Boyle, Florence	Solinski, Stanley	Seleshnic, Helen
11/01/09	Claremont, NH	Chicoine, Mary	McKenzie, Theodore	Clow, Stella
12/28/09	Lebanon, NH	Yacono, Michael	Yacono, David	Goyette, Lorraine

Selectmen's Report

2009

At the March 10, 2009 Town Meeting, residents of Cornish voted to accept the gift of Trinity Church from Sandra Boss. That vote brought to fruition Peter Burling's desire to see the church he lovingly restored rest in the hands of the citizens of Cornish. We are deeply grateful to Peter and Sandra for their generosity and for Peter's important preservation of this town treasure.

It should be further noted that Peter Burling, Town Moderator since 1974, has relinquished his gavel after a remarkable 36 year tenure. There are few words that can express the importance of his service and compassion for his neighbors, friends and all citizens from Cornish to Concord. We thank him for his "benchmark" leadership and we wish him the very best in life.

On April 25, 2009 a Special Town Meeting was held to "cure the defect" in the posting of the 2009 Town Warrant. Citizens voted unanimously to ratify the actions taken by the voters at Town Meeting held March 10, 2009.

For the past nine and 15 years respectively, John Rawson and George Abbott meticulously maintained our cemeteries and town grounds. They retired at the end of the 2009 season and the Selectmen attended the Highway Department's Retirement Luncheon to celebrate their many years of service. John and George are much appreciated and will be missed.

This appears to be a year for farewells as Town Treasurer Bill Caterino will also be stepping down after faithfully serving the town for 18 years. The Selectmen will truly miss our weekly meetings with Bill. He took his fiduciary responsibility very seriously and provided valuable fiscal insight to the board. Thank you Bill and we hope you won't be too far from the phone in 2010!

Thanks to the efforts of Selectman Hammond, 2009 was a year for planting throughout the town. John chased down grant opportunities for Elm trees and worked with the NH Lilac Commission which allowed us to plant two Elms at the Town Offices as well as Lilacs at Trinity Church and on the Common in the Flat. John also bought wild flower seed and "showered" it in the park-site adjoining the town offices. By mid-summer, the flowers were beautiful to behold and we noticed that a number of people stopped regularly to admire and photograph them.

As always, the Selectmen would like to thank all our volunteer departments, boards and committees for their many hours of hard work which benefit all of us. Cornish would be lost without you.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Auditors

2009

We have audited the accompany Reports of the Treasurer, Tax Collector and Town Clerk for the year ending December 31, 2008. These reports are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the reports based on our audit

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial reports are free of material misstatement. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the reports. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall report presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The reports have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted governmental accounting principles.

In our opinion, the reports referred to about present fairly, in all material respects, the account balances and activities of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Rowley & Associates, P.C.
Concord, New Hampshire

Cemetery Department

2009

When I became Sexton of the cemeteries, I found that there was a variety of things to do: meet with people who wanted to purchase a burial plot, locate a family plot, buy corner stones or register with the town. The books, maps and burial records had to be kept current. I worked with the crew, John Rawson and George Abbott, saw to equipment and tool maintenance and made sure John and George were safe.

John and George knew all the different jobs that were required of them and completed them with perfection. They maintained the 18 town cemeteries doing groundwork, maintaining fences and stones. They also mowed the lawns at the town buildings.

This year they retired and the people of Cornish will miss them and their good work. I will miss them and wish them the best.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bladen

Conservation Commission

2009

The Conservation Commission began 2009 by completing the 165-acre Fitch Farm Conservation project, which closely followed the placement of a permanent easement on the abutting property of Don and Irmi Snowden. These town properties became part of a 2,000-acre conserved wildlife corridor that stretches from the Yatsevitch Forest to the Connecticut River. We are now cooperating with the Upper Valley Land Trust to place a permanent conservation easement on the prime agricultural riverfront land of the Lipfert and Hammond families. Commission members were busy throughout the year monitoring land parcels already under easement. More than three thousand Cornish acres are now permanently protected against unwise development.

The 2009 town meeting featured a debate about whether all or a portion of the Current Use penalty tax should be placed in the Conservation Funds. Voters strongly supported dedication of 100% of penalty tax to this fund. However, no Cornish land was removed from current use during 2009, so no money was added to the Conservation fund. Town meeting attendees expressed great pleasure that the Commission honored Nancy Wightman and Janice Orion with our annual Conservation Award for their nine years of publishing "Consider This", the Cornish community newsletter.

During the year, the Commission gave financial support for drainage work to improve the school soccer field and the Cornish Fair parking area on the CREA land. We painted the bat house near the Town Offices, and hosted St. Gaudens Superintendent B.J. Dunn at a meeting where he discussed projects planned for the National Historic Site. In December, we met as guests of the Planning Board to discuss issues of common interest, which resulted in both boards asking the Selectboard to create town road maintenance guidelines. We are currently updating a Natural Resources Inventory of Cornish land; a portion of each regular meeting is devoted to gathering ideas and material for this project.

The Conservation Commission is always ready to help implement conservation of land in our town. If you would like information about Conservation Easements or our other work, contact a Commission Member.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Gallagher, Chairman
Betty Miller, Secretary
Jim Barker
Linda Fuerst
Loel Callahan

Frank Parks
Jon Woodhull
John Hammond
Rickey Poor, Alt
Don Snowden, Alt

Betty Caterino, Alt
Mariet Jaarsma, Alt
Michael Meeks, Alt
Nancy Newbold, Alt

Cornish Fair Association

2009

We would like to thank everyone for their help and support throughout the fair. The weather did not help us this year. It was very wet and rainy, causing the grounds and parking lots to be very muddy and torn up. The fair would like to thank everyone who helped with the mud and helped fix all the torn up areas.

Due to closing the fair on Friday, some of the events had to be changed or just canceled. We were able to have the Queen Contest inside the school gym on Friday but the crowning of the fair Princess had to be done early Saturday morning. The fair had to close early Saturday night because of the rain, so some events were canceled. Sunday was a better day for the fair but by then the grounds were still very muddy. That made getting around a little difficult. We are hoping for a better year next year.

The upper wing of the school used the Fair Grounds for a reenactment. They used the Blacksmith Museum for demonstrations and opened the Antique Tractor Museum and explained the antique equipment that was in the building to all the students. The Fair Association was told that it went over well.

Again, thank you to all who helped and supported the fair. We hope to see everyone back at the fair on August 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
The Cornish Fair Association

Councilor
Ray Burton
2009

2009 was indeed the year of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)/ Stimulus Funds in New Hampshire.

As of November 4, 2009, \$579,305,870.00 had been allocated in New Hampshire in nine areas: business/community; education; employment; energy; health; housing; safety; technology and transportation. Of that \$181,463,873.00 went to Council District One towns and cities and the counties of Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Grafton and Sullivan.

The ARRA money has enabled local, state and county government to work on projects that have been in process and planning for years. For a complete listing of these projects go to:

{ HYPERLINK "<http://www.ed.state.nh.us/education/recovery/index/htm>" }
or write to my office.

Governor Lynch has now submitted the New Hampshire Transportations Plan to the New Hampshire House and Senate. Highways/ bridges, rail, aviation and public projects are among the proposed recommendations. Contact you local State Senator and Legislator for details about what projects you believe to be key ones for your region.

The Governor and Council are required by law to fill dozens of boards and commissions with volunteers. If you are interested in serving, please send a letter on interest and your resume to Governor John Lynch, Attention: Jennifer Kuzma, Appointment Liaison, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. For the current list of what possible appointments might by coming up go to: <http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm>.

There is a constant flow of informational items available at my office: tourist maps, consumer handbooks, and the New Hampshire Constitution. Each Monday I send, via e-mail, the schedule of my weekly meetings and other information. Send me you e-mail to be added to the list at rburton@nh.gov or find the schedule on my State House web page at: <http://www.nh.gov/council/district1/schedules>.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond S. Burton
Executive Councilor
District One

CREA Barn

2009

The barn has come a couple more stages closer to completion. Rich Thompson and his crew, John McSwain and Walter Nifka, have installed new siding on the back of the barn which Jeff Stevens pre-painted and also installed a guano droppings tray below the roof ridge. They also have installed four new windows in the front and back, replacing the old pieces of plywood and plastic sheeting that covered the openings.

The next stages are constructing and installing new sliding front doors, tightening up the siding on the north side, and overall painting with a second coat. We have accomplished this with fund raising campaigns in Cornish and grants from the Claremont Savings Bank, the Mascoma Saving Bank, the New Hampshire Division of Historic Resources Moose Plate Grant program, and the Tasker Fund. No tax money has been allocated. We have about \$1000 left in the Barn Fund account and expect to need about \$4,000 to \$5,000 to complete the project so we are still looking for some funds and volunteers. The project has gone from a barn sagging a foot on one corner, rotting supports, holes in the roof, and holes everywhere else to a plumb and level barn with a new foundation, new structural components and new roof, soon ready for a dance to celebrate its next 100 years.

On a Saturday, June 12th our barn, along with other restored barns in Cornish, will be the subject of a tour sponsored by New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. Please follow "Connect Cornish" for further information and join the tour.

The CREA Barn Committee:

Colleen O'Neill
Marie Stevens
George Edson

Laird Klingler, treasurer
Bill Gallagher
Don Snowden

CREA Committee Cornish Recreation and Education Area

2009

The C.R.E.A. Committee spent most of this past year addressing problems with excess water in and around the playing fields and hay fields. After new culverts had been installed by the Highway Department under South Parsonage Road, there was increased water flow near the soccer field and hay field around the barn. Beaver activity had flooded the farm road leading to the largest hay field east of the barn. Swales, which had been put in over twenty years ago when the soccer and baseball fields were new, had filled in and were no longer working effectively. All of this was on top of our having had a very rainy year.

Before any work could be done Jonathon Sisson, a soil scientist who advises the Highway Department, walked the property. He determined that no permits were needed to improve drainage as long as we did not go beyond the areas he marked with flags.

There was no money in the town budget to do any extra maintenance at CREA. The Fair Association, given that they use the fields near the barn and baseball field for parking, donated the cost of gravel and a pipe for new drainage on the north side of barn. The Conservation Commission donated from their CREA Fund (funds left over from money raised to build the soccer field) to pay for gravel and a pipe to be placed in the field between the soccer field and the barn. Both drainage areas now take water from the field and divert it to the wetland. Both the Highway Department and George Edson, who volunteered his time, worked on the drainage ditches.

The Wetlands Wildlife Committee put in a new beaver baffling system to regulate the flow of water between the wetlands on both sides of the farm road. The Conservation Commission donated money from their Conservation Fund to pay for materials needed for the beaver baffle. The Highway Department brought in gravel to raise the level of the farm road.

Kyle Witty put in, free of charge, a new Babe Ruth size infield for the baseball field. This brought the infield back to its original size. Jimmy Fitch sawed logs, donated by Ryer Jaarsma and Cheston Newbold, for new dugouts. Josh Cloud donated his labor to build them. The Conservation Commission authorized CREA Funds to pay for hardware and roofing material. The Fair Association offered, at a reduced price, a ten-foot high fence to put in front of the dugouts.

Doug Miller made some repairs to the bridge on Mike's Trail.

The SCA (Student Conservation Association), headquartered in Charlestown, NH, which works on trails all over the USA, used CREA as training site for their leaders. They made a new trail called "Rickey's Trail".

The trail is named for Rickey Poor who was actively involved in the development of CREA with its trails and playing fields. She wrote the grants which helped the town purchase the CREA property.

The Boy Scouts planted turkey habitat trees and shrubs, given to them by Frank Parks, along the edge of the field bordering South Parsonage Road.

Alex Jameson, as his Eagle Scout project, put in a new Loop Trail which begins and ends at the eastern end of the largest hay field.

John Borchert, as his Star Scout project, refurbished the CREA sign which had rotted and was lying on the ground. It is now placed opposite the barn at the head of "Mike's Trail".

The Fair Association paid to smooth out and seed the fields that were damaged due to the rain and parking at Fair time. They used the largest hay field for limited parking for the first time.

The CREA Committee is grateful to the Highway Department and the many individuals and organizations who donated time and money to help maintain and improve the education and recreation potential of CREA.

Respectfully submitted,
The CREA Committee

Linda Fuerst

Chairman

John Hammond

Selectman

Leland Atwood

Fair Association

Rickey Poor

Conservation Commission

Katie Barber

Cornish School Athletic Director

Dan Flynn

Highway Department

Linda & Bobby Rice

Farmers of the hay fields

Colleen O'Neill

Barn Association

Chris Gilbert

Little League and Cornish Youth Recreation Association

Jim Strout

Recreational Fields Coordinator

Doug McGrath (new member)

Cornish Youth Recreation Association

Fire Auxiliary

2009

This past year the Cornish Fire Auxiliary has been very active. In April, we held a Rabies Clinic at the Cornish Flat Fire Station which was well attended. Dog licenses were available to purchase also. All dogs and cats are welcome to our April 10, 2010 Clinic which will be held at the Cornish Flat Fire Station. Price: \$11.00; Hours are Saturday, 10:30-12:00. Please bring cats in carriers and dogs on leashes. Please bring previous rabies paperwork with you as well.

On a weekly basis, the Auxiliary provides food to sell at the Cornish Fire Department Bingo which is on Tuesday nights at the Town Hall. The Cornish Auxiliary held the annual Holiday Bazaar in November at the Cornish Elementary School. Anyone interested in vending at the Bazaar should contact our members.

We invite anyone who is interested to join our group. Cornish continues to be one of the few local towns to still have a volunteer auxiliary. Our meetings are held 6 times a year. A priority of the Auxiliary is to provide food and beverages when needed at local fire calls.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Harthan

New Officers:

Marcia Paradis, President
Judy Rook, Vice President
Colleen O'Neill, Secretary
Jackie Thayer, Treasurer

Members:

Paula Harthan	Karen Gillock	Shelia Drury
Maggie Edwards	Laura Harthan	Sandy Ennis
Lois Fitts	Maureen Walsh	Sue Reuthe

Fire Department

2009

The Cornish Fire Department responded to over 80 calls last year, most of which were minor.

Fire & Rescue responded to a motor vehicle accident on Rte. 120 which involved several patients, DART Helicopter and material aid from Claremont and Windsor. The performance of your emergency services was nothing less than outstanding.

We also had the largest brush fire in the state – approximately 15 acres. There were 14 mutual aid Towns that were brought in to help contain the fire.

I think one of the greatest achievements for the Dept. this year was that about ½ of the members took the N.H. Level 1 training course. This course is a long and hard; 150+ hours of nights and weekends. I certainly take my hat off to those folks for putting themselves through this for the benefit of the town.

As always, we are looking for new members. If you are interested, call me at 469-3476.

This year's project will be looking at replacing our old Engine 1 Fire Truck which is 22 years old.

Thank you for all your support

Respectfully submitted,

Nate Cass, Chief, CFD

Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

2009

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Spring fire season was unusually short this past year, with wet weather beginning the third week in April and lasting virtually all summer long. Consequently both the number of fires and the number of acres burned were below the last five year average. Due to state budget constraints, the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented this year by contracted aircraft and the Civil Air Patrol when fire danger was especially high. Surprisingly the largest single fire this year occurred in late November during an unusual dry spell, in the northern Coos County town Clarksville. This fire burned 17.1 acres and is presumed to have been caused by a careless hunter. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2009 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2008 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 3, 2009)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	13	16
Carroll	7	30
Cheshire	3	29
Coos	42	42
Grafton	11	35
Hillsborough	12	94
Merrimack	1	45
Rockingham	62	30
Strafford	2	3
Sullivan	20	10

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

			Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	4	2009	334	173
Debris	184	2008	455	175
Campfire	18	2007	437	212
Children	12	2006	500	473
Smoking	15	2005	546	174
Railroad	5			
Equipment	5			
Lightning	0			
Misc.*	91			

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

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General Assistance and Senior Resources

2009

The past year has been a busy one for our department. Although the record number of calls for assistance is not reflected in our expenditures, we have heard from many people needing help with fuel, utilities, rent, food and transportation. These needs reflect our economic times, loss of employment and general requests for support.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Special thanks to this wonderful group of people who have spent many weekend hours cutting, splitting, delivering and stacking wood for elders and others who have special needs. Their many services are varied and they play an invaluable role that is becoming known as a model of community service throughout the state. People who are interested in joining the "Neighbor to Neighbor" group should contact Laird Klingler or Jim Fitch.

Senior Luncheon Program

The Senior Luncheon has been moved from the Masonic building in Cornish Flat to the Town Hall. Luncheons are held at noon on the fourth Tuesday of each month except December. The food is home cooked and served by committee members, several of whom have been with the program since its inception in February 2000. Connecticut Valley Home Care sponsors free blood pressure screening every month at 11 a.m.; blood sugar, every other month; and cholesterol checks, twice a year. Special thanks to all those who volunteer to plan, shop, prepare meals and desserts, serve, and work on the cleanup committee. Thanks also to Nancy and Cheston Newbold and the Millar Fund for their generous support. For more information, please call Anne Heir, coordinator, 542-7348.

Our thanks and appreciation to all those who support our department in its efforts to provide efficient and effective services to our residents. We anticipate that our budget could be stretched to the maximum next year if the recession and rising unemployment continue.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kousman
Anne Hier

Judith Kaufman
Martha Zoerheide

George H. Stowell Free Library

2009

In 2009, the Stowell Library was, once again, the recipient of a \$2000 grant from the Margaret O. Cromwell Family Fund of the Baltimore Community Foundation. This money helped fund Glen Swanson, a presenter from the New Hampshire Humanities Council. It also covered the cost of Michael Zerphy's clown act at the Rockin' Reading Carnival in September at the Cornish Elementary School. This enjoyable evening, which was put on by the CCPTO and the Cornish Elementary School staff, celebrated the efforts of students who participated in the Summer Reading Program. The other events which the Town Library sponsored and funded were discussions by authors Tom Wessels and Don Rosenthal and the Traditional Irish Music concert. Thanks to the Historical Society for allowing us to use the Meeting House and to ConnectCornish for advertising.

Grant money will also be used to pay for the following free programs in 2010:

Wednesday, March 17th - 7:00 PM - Steve Taylor, independent scholar, farmer, journalist, former Commissioner of Agriculture in NH and longtime public official will present his program ***Cows and Communities: How the Lowly Bovine Has Nurtured New Hampshire Through Four Centuries.*** To be held at The Meeting House, in Cornish Flat.

Saturday, June 5th - Noon - 4:00 PM - Tom Wessels returns to present a slide show based on his book ***Reading the Forested Landscape*** and lead a two hour interpretive hike in the Cornish Town Forest. Slide presentation to be held at the Cornish Elementary School.

The Book Discussion Group still meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The library provides participants with copies of what is being read. Below is the schedule of meeting dates and book choices for the remainder of 2010:

- 3/3/10 - The Painted Drum/Louise Erdrich
- 4/7/10 - American Mania: When More Is Not Enough/Dr. Peter Whybrow
- 5/5/10 - The Lay of the Land/Richard Ford
- 6/2/10 - Reading the Forested Landscape/Tom Wessels
- 7/7/10 - Rabbit Run/John Updike
- 8/4/10 - Are You Somebody?/Nuala O'Faolain
- 9/1/10 - The Help/Kathryn Stockett
- 10/6/10 - The Hills is Lonely/Lillian Beckwith (participants may have to buy their own copy of this title)

11/3/10 - Her Fearful Symmetry/Audrey Niffenegger

12/1/10 - Wolf Hall/Hilary Mantel

The state inter-library loan system was well utilized by patrons. During 2009, 228 books were borrowed from libraries throughout the state, and Cornish loaned 95 books from its collection. This year, 2,789 people came to the town library; 2985 books (including audiobooks) were circulated; 613 movies were borrowed; 109 magazines were checked out; the copier was used 96 times, and the computer was used 99 times. Patronage of the library increased as did magazine circulation and the use of the copier. There was a very slight decrease in inter-library-loan usage, book and movie circulation and computer use.

Repairs and improvements were made to the building with a portion of the Library Capital Reserve Fund that had been raised and appropriated at the 2009 Town Meeting. WAL Masonry repaired both the chimneys at a cost of \$3,700. The crumbling concrete of the shoulders and the steps at the front of the building was also repaired at a cost of \$1,070. Gerard Leone repaired the loose roof slates at a cost of \$1,000. Rob's Roofing and Painting scraped and painted the entryway wood, the white columns, and the white trim on the building at a cost of \$4,865. Claremont Glass replaced all of the cellar windows with insulated glass vinyl windows at a cost of \$4,864. The total spent was \$15,499 of the \$19,953 raised and appropriated. The funds not spent (\$4,454) were returned to the Library Capital Reserve Fund.

And finally, thanks to the Stowell Library's volunteer staff: Cynthia Wilke, Mary Beth Heiskell, Debbie Stone, Leigh Callahan, Sue Gagne, Becky Townsend, Richard Scheuer, Nancy Wightman, Ginny Gage, Bette Blackington, Judith Kaufman, Jane Walter and the trustees: Kathi Patterson, Karen Woodbury and Bernice Johnson.

Also, a big thank you to Mercedes West for fulfilling her community service requirements for Stevens High School at the Town Library. Her assistance has been indispensable. Thanks also to Barb Atherton, Valerie Newton and Lois Fitts for remaining on the sub list and covering for folks from time to time and to all the people who donated time, money and materials to the library this past year.

See you at the library!

Emily Cromwell, Librarian

Library Expense Report

2009

Expenses	Estimated 2009	Actual 2009	Estimated 2010	Change
Payroll	\$7,462.21	\$7,463.00	\$7,548.42	\$86.21
Electricity	\$345.00	\$299.73	\$345.00	\$0.00
Telephone	\$400.00	\$369.71	\$400.00	\$0.00
Books	\$3,500.00	\$4,311.60	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
Periodicals	\$225.00	\$142.84	\$225.00	\$0.00
Audio-Visuals	\$400.00	\$412.92	\$400.00	\$0.00
Oil/Wood	\$2,500.00	\$2,188.20	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Building				
Maintenance	\$200.00	\$141.58	\$200.00	\$0.00
General Supplies	\$100.00	\$265.84	\$100.00	\$0.00
Postage	\$125.00	\$179.92	\$125.00	\$0.00
Advertising	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
Library Training	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Trustee Dues	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Totals:	\$15,497.21	\$15,815.34	\$15,583.42	\$86.21
Librarian's salary: \$11.00/hour for 11 hours for 52 weeks.				\$6,292.00
Janitor's salary: \$10.00/hour for 6 hours /month.				\$720.00
Social security is figured at 6.2%.				\$434.74
Medicare is figured at 1.45%.				\$101.67
				\$7,548.42

Cornish Highway Department

2009

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that elected me as Road Agent in 2009. I am running again this year and would appreciate your vote in 2010.

I would like to thank my highway crew for a good job this year. I would also like to thank everyone that helped the Highway Dept. throughout the year.

Spring brought on a very bad mud season as all the dirt roads thawed out all at once within 3 days, making very deep ruts. The dirt roads were impassable to vehicles, fire trucks, ambulances, care givers to the sick and even the town trucks had a hard time adding one and a half inch stone to help the traffic get through. The stone ended up using all of the gravel money and more.

John McNamara let the Selectmen know last fall that this would be his last year contracting his back-hoe to the town as the equipment is getting older. I want to thank John for all of his years of back-hoe service to the town.

The department would like to thank the townspeople for appropriating funds to buy a new Kubota tractor, which replaced the 1969 Allis Chambers tractor. The Kubota has worked out very well.

I would like to thank Dale and George at Recycling for all the hours they put in as well as the other volunteers that help out at the Recycling Center.

Special thanks to everyone who dropped off goodies at the Highway garage during the year and to the people who have donated money to the coffee fund at the Cornish General Store. It is greatly appreciated by all of the Highway Crew.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Flynn, Road Agent

Historical Society

2009

In the spring of this year, we began a series of discussions about several features of our history that make it both special and interesting. In April, Travis Callahan brought us into the twenty-first century with a talk on the tradition of dry-stone walling illustrated with his work on the wall adjacent to the Blow-Me-Down Mill on the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site. The fact that much of the near-by hill country was abandoned in favor of newer agricultural products and trends in animal husbandry was outlined in May by Marcia Blaine, a history professor at Plymouth State University. Then in June, Dr. Mary Kronenwetter, Educational Director of "The Fells," presented historical images of Corbin Park. A local panel, led by Bernice Johnson in September, shared their memories of some of Cornish's natural disasters: the hurricane of 1938, the 1953 fire in Corbin Park, the washout of 1978, and ice jams on the Connecticut River. At the final meeting in October, Alma Gilbert-Smith, founder and former director of the Cornish Colony Museum, presented an illustrated talk about the contributions to our national culture made by the women artists of the Cornish Colony.

The Society's meetings resume on April 12. Jere Daniel will talk about New Hampshire's "independent nation" known as the "Indian Stream Republic." On May 10 Michael Tougias will describe "400 Miles Down the Connecticut River." Finally, on June 14 Lew Gage and Jim Atkinson will talk about Cornish's Civil War hero, Colonel Haldiman C. Putnam, leader of New Hampshire's Seventh Regiment killed during the assault on Fort Wagner, South Carolina, July 18, 1863.

We would like to remind residents that we now are able to fund small, local projects that support our mission, namely: to collect, preserve, and interpret Cornish history from the time of the first settlements, both Native American and Colonial, to the present day. We do so by collecting, receiving, and preserving books, documents, artifacts, and cultural objects; by interpreting them to the community through educational programs, lectures, publications, public events, and public display; and by receiving financial contributions in furtherance of our mission. Consequently, we shall consider matching any grant proposals, up to the Society's allowable annual budget amount of \$1000, for projects of historical interest or historical preservation germane to the Town of Cornish so long as funding the project does not jeopardize the Town's tax rolls. Proposals should be addressed to the Cornish Historical Society, 117 Town House Road, and received by April 1, 2010; decisions will be announced by May 15, 2010.

The Historical Center on School Street is open to all from 9:30 A.M. until Noon on the second Saturday of every month. Drop by. Volunteers needed!

- Jim Atkinson, President
 - Beth Lum, Vice President
 - Judy Rook, Secretary
 - Anne Hier, Corresponding Secretary
 - Bill Caterino, Treasurer
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ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO BENEFIT THE SOCIETY:

- Child, *History of Cornish New Hampshire*, volumes I and II (reprint) \$25
- Wade, *A Brief History of Cornish* (reprint) \$22.50
- Dale and Judy Rook, *Photo Tour Around Cornish at the Start of the 21st Century* \$30
- Meyers and Atkinson, *New Hampshire's Cornish Colony* \$20
- Covered-Bridge Note Paper (10 cards and envelopes) \$5
- Covered-Bridge Tiles \$5

- Annual Dues = \$5.00 per member
- Life Membership = \$50.00 per member

Household Hazardous Waste Committee

2009

During 2009 the Committee continued to maintain a regional website (www.uvhhw.org), hosted booths at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition and the Hanover Food Co-op, and provided volunteers for the household hazardous waste collections at the Lebanon Landfill.

Home & Life Show Event Booth: The Household Hazardous Waste Committee's booth in March featured information on collections in the area including dates and what materials are and are not accepted. "Universal Waste" examples and management options were provided. These materials include rechargeable batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, auto batteries, antifreeze, and mercury-containing devices such as button batteries, thermostats, and thermometers. Pesticide free lawn and garden care continued to be a focus. Alternative cleaning recipes were distributed. A large map displayed the household hazardous waste collections in the area with their dates, times, and contacts for further information.

Co-op Community Partner in March: The Committee displayed a tri-fold on HHW collections, what to bring, what is not acceptable, collection statistics, etc. Handouts were provided for non-toxic household cleaner recipes, informational sheets on batteries crop-off sites, dates and location of 2009 HHW collections, and information on universal waste.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support: The committee provided volunteer support at the collections held at the Lebanon Landfill, keeping waiting times short and residents informed. A total of 450 households from Cornish, Enfield, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, Piermont, Plainfield, and Springfield brought waste to two collections at the Lebanon Landfill in July and October.

Unwanted Medicine Collection Research: The Committee is working with Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center to provide Unwanted Medicine collections combined with the 2010 HHW collections. Training will be obtained from Sarah Silk at the Wolfeboro, NH facility to insure successful implementation of a complex service.

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee is made up of volunteers from Upper Valley towns. We invite anyone interested to attend our meetings and become involved.

Meals on Wheels

2009

The Meals on Wheels (MOW) program delivered its first meal in Philadelphia in 1954. The program was molded after a similar program that was started in England to support seniors during World War II. In 1972, the federal government made the program permanent through the implementation of the Older American's Act. The Act provided a basis for providing meals to senior (60 years or older) or people with qualifying disabilities. As an integral part of the act, the framework for funding not only involved federal support but also monies from local sources. The general formula put forth by the grant is 75 to 80% garnered from federal sources, 15 to 20% to be raised from local support (counties and municipalities) with the balance derived through private donations. Obviously these are general guidelines but it points out that community participation and personal commitment are key elements.

Sullivan County Nutrition Services (SCNS) started its participation in MOW program in 1973 and operated out of a department store's basement in Newport. The initial program served 25 meals per day and had an initial operating budget of \$20,000. IN 1980, the program established meal sites in Claremont and Charlestown to meet an ever growing need for service. 30 years later, we are serving over 100,000 per year with an operating budget of \$650,000. All but three communities in Sullivan County receive meal services through this program (Acworth, Plainfield and Langdon). We have not received any requests from these communities. If, there be a request we would make every accommodation to service the request.

SCNS request each community that is being served to support the MOW program. Our request reflects the number of meals and individuals that have been served in your community during the past year and the historical trend that has been experienced. If your community is not served, no money is requested. If your community has few means and few people being served historically, then it is conceivable that your requested support would be reduced. The bottom line is we simply ask for support that is commensurate with the degree of service provided and seldom is equal to the total cost of the service. Any difference is raised through private donations and is consistent with the funding formula that was put forth by the Older American's Act.

Sullivan County Nutrition Services is a part of the Newport Senior Center, a 501(c)3 organization. SCNS operates three congregate meal sites in Newport, Earl Bourdon Center (Claremont) and at the Town Office Complex in Charlestown. We have an annual independent audit performed each year and must comply with all aspects of the program grant guidelines. Oversight is provided by the State of NH, Department of Elder and Adult Services. We encourage communities to visit us and to discuss any questions they have about any aspect of the program. Thank you in advance for your support.

Brenda Burns
Executive Director

Meetinghouse Financial Report

2009

Balance on Hand, 1/1/09	\$22,583.44
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Income:

Interest Income	\$26.85
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Contributions	\$16,075.59
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Total	\$16,102.44
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Expenses:

Electricity	\$146.69
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Fuel	\$402.84
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Major Building Improvements	\$29,648.00
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Total	\$30,197.53
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Balance on Hand, 12/31/09	\$8,488.35
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Planning Board

2009

Meeting the first and third Thursdays of each month, the Cornish Planning Board held two hearings on various applications in 2009. Both were approved. All meetings and hearings are open to the public, and Cornish residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

On April 2, 2009 the Planning Board approved the updated Town of Cornish Master Plan after extensive input from the community and a public hearing. Many thanks go out to everyone who participated in this long but important process. The updated Master Plan is available online at www.cornishnh.net, at the Town Office, and at the George H. Stowell Library.

2009 Actions

Site Plan Review

Straightaway Auto	NH Route 120	Approved
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Subdivision-Major

Charles Sullivan	East Road	Approved (Jan 2010)
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2009 Members

Bill Lipfert, Chair	Troy Simino
Cheston Newbold, Vice-Chair	Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman
Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary	Larry Dingee, Alternate
Gail McKenzie	Gwyn Gallagher, Alternate
Peter Storrs	Mary Mancuso, Alternate

Police Department

2009

The Cornish Police Department handled 1,141 Calls for Service during the year 2009, up 20% from 2008's 908 Calls for Service. A little over half of this increase was due to our increased Motor Vehicle Enforcement. This was driven by an increase in motor vehicle complaints to officer's, increased DUI's, and increased number of accidents (54, up from 45 in 2008).

The Cornish Police Department saw a dramatic spike in Crime's in 2009. In years past, a majority of our call volume was "Service" related calls. 2009 saw an increase in Burglaries (9, up from 2 in 2008), Domestic Violence (18, up from 11 in 2008), Sexual Assaults (5, up from 1 in 2008), Alcohol Related Arrests (15, up from 8 in 2008) and Suicide Attempts/Threats (3, up from 1 in 2008). All of these Crime Reports are time consuming to investigate. One Theft case involved over 36 hours of investigation time, interview time, paperwork time, and court time. I attribute this dramatic increase to the current state of our economy.

In response to our sudden burglary increases in the early fall, several Cornish citizens stepped forward to help be the eyes and ears of our town during the daytime, when our police coverage was the thinnest. I want to thank everyone in town who supported this effort, and gladly report that immediately after the publicity received by the group of residents starting to "patrol" our back roads, the burglaries stopped. Many residents called or emailed me with information about strange vehicles, and suspicious people. Officers from Cornish, Plainfield and the NH State Police would check each of these reports if they were in progress calls, and everyone soon realized Cornish residents are VERY observant. I am proud of how our citizens handle themselves.

In 2009, I was able to come in approximately \$800.00 under budget. While the actual total reflects I did not spend \$ 2,264.91 of my budget, approximately \$ 1,465.00 was directly related to the decrease in spending to provide police coverage to the Cornish Fair. This was due to poor weather, and sending officers home early. The \$ 6,500. line item for Salaries & Wages – Special is not raised by tax dollars, but directly paid for by the Cornish Fair Association. Our Total Expenditures for 2009 were \$61,102.09, and our revenues were \$ 7,838.66. This means Cornish Police Department cost the tax payers of Cornish \$ 53,263.43.

Proudly Serving,

Chief E. Douglas Hackett
Officer Paul M. Roberts

Officer Corey J. Stevens
Officer Anthony D. Swett

Description	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	09 YTD	08 YTD	% DIFF
Abandoned Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-400.00%
Accident	10	4	11	2	3	3	5	1	2	2	2	5	54	45	16.67%
Alarms	1	2	4	4	3	5	1	1	4	6	7	6	44	59	-34.09%
Alcohol Arrest	2	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	15	8	46.67%
Animal	9	5	1	0	9	2	4	2	0	1	2	1	36	41	-13.89%
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Assault	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	4	0.00%
Assist Fire Department	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	6	14	-133.33%
Assist Other Department	1	2	3	1	1	2	8	8	3	1	7	2	39	29	25.64%
Bad Checks	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	-100.00%
BOL	0	3	3	0	2	0	3	1	3	1	1	1	18	22	-22.22%
Building Checks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	100.00%
Burglary	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	77.78%
Check Well Being	1	2	1	2	0	2	2	1	0	2	0	0	13	6	53.85%
Civil Matters	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	7	9	-28.57%
Community Service	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	7	11	-57.14%
Criminal Mischief	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.00%
Criminal Threatening	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	-50.00%
Trespass	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	6	7	-16.67%
Department Requests	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	10	1	90.00%
Disabled Vehicles	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	9	2	77.78%
Dog Complaints	0	0	5	6	6	2	3	6	3	3	5	4	43	42	2.33%
Domestic Disturbances	1	0	2	2	1	2	0	3	2	2	0	3	18	11	38.89%
Driving While Intoxicated	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	8	2	75.00%
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	7	-250.00%
Escorts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	-400.00%
Fights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100.00%
Fingerprints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	-100.00%
Fish & Game Matters	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	-500.00%
Found Property	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	5	3	40.00%
Harassment	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	8	11	-37.50%
Highway Matters	0	5	7	2	5	5	12	4	3	6	2	5	56	33	41.07%
House Checks	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	7	0	0	2	15	15	0.00%
Illegal Dumping	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	-33.33%
Juvenile Complaints	1	1	1	0	4	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	13	11	15.38%
Keep the Peace	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	-66.67%
Licenses/Permits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.00%
Lockouts	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0.00%
Lost Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0.00%
Manner of Operation	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	7	9	-28.57%
Medical Emergency	0	2	2	2	1	1	4	4	2	3	1	5	27	6	77.78%
Message Delivery	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	6	1	83.33%
Missing Adults	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100.00%

MV Stops	26	25	19	25	45	12	46	20	21	31	12	23	305	175	42.62%
Noise Complaints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-100.00%
OHRV Complaints	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	80.00%
Open Door/Windows	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	1	66.67%
Outside Detail	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.00%
Parking Problem	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	-100.00%
Pistol Permits	2	2	1	3	6	3	1	2	6	4	1	7	38	20	47.37%
Police Information	1	1	2	4	3	1	4	2	3	1	3	2	27	40	-48.15%
Public Hazards	2	2	1	5	4	1	2	3	3	0	0	2	25	13	48.00%
Request Officer	4	1	2	8	3	2	4	10	2	4	2	0	42	39	7.14%
Request Transport	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.00%
Ride-A-Long	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Serve Paperwork	2	1	1	2	6	34	12	6	4	3	1	1	73	31	57.53%
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	5	1	80.00%
Shots Fired	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	33.33%
Suicide Attempt	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	66.67%
Suspicious Activity	0	0	4	5	2	2	2	2	6	6	1	1	31	42	-35.48%
Temp Restraining Orders	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	100.00%
Thefts	1	2	1	2	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	2	20	27	-35.00%
Town Office Requests	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	100.00%
Traces 911	0	1	0	0	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	8	10	-25.00%
Traffic Problems	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	5	3	40.00%
Unintimely Death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	-300.00%
Vin Checks	0	1	0	4	3	2	4	0	2	2	0	1	19	13	31.58%
Wanted Persons	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	6	14	-133.33%
	75	71	82	98	128	102	134	102	100	102	64	83	1141	908	20.42%
Cruiser Mileage - Car	512	487	521	638	721	712	802	912	689	698	752	589	7530	8570	-13.81%
- SUV	761	847	742	466	384	512	467	391	403	611	518	818	6920	2125	69.29%
Total Mileage both Cars	1273	1334	1263	1104	1105	1224	1269	1303	1092	1309	1270	1407	14450	10695	25.99%
Gasoline Used	137	57	79	98	58	82	127	101	99	86	72	79	1075	566	47.35%
Hours Worked	156	131.5	138	167.5	166.5	137	182	134	163	154	131.5	177	1838	1815	1.25%

Recycling Center

2009

Open Saturdays 9AM to 2PM

2009 was another very busy year for us at the Recycling Center as the dumpsters have been going out every two weeks and we get anywhere from 130 cars to 150 and one weekend we has 198 cars show up, needless to say we keep busy. We have noticed that often people come in with recyclables and trash for more than one family. This leads us to believe that more than 65% of the households in Cornish try to recycle. Nice going Cornish.

We didn't make any big changes in 2009 and none are planned for 2010. I feel that for the most part we have made all the changes we need to for the near future, only time will tell.

With Judy Rook's generous help the Swap Shop continues to be a big draw to the folks using the Recycling Center. Please see Judy if you have anything that you would like to put in the Swap Shop. We can't accept everything and that's why you need to see her first. Also everything is free.

Again this year I would like to thanks Will Reed who has volunteered many, many hours helping us out. Also my thanks to Dan and Mike Monette, who have pitched in when we needed them. A special thanks to Dan Flynn and his highway crew for the snow removal and other duties they have done for us. Not to be left out are those who have brought us coffee, donuts and sometimes wonderful baked goods. Who says working at Recycle doesn't pay?

One special thanks must go to Travis Wright who brings the rubbish trailer. Travis and his Dad, Gene, pitch right in to help in anyway they can to get the work done.

Over 41,000 bottles and cans were turned in and over 16 tons of scrap metal was shipped out. This helped us to put over \$2800 back into the General Fund. Due to the Economy this is less than past years, perhaps next year will be better. Travis hauled away over 90 tons of our kitchen waste and other stuff that couldn't be recycled. Everything has doubled in the last four years, we must be doing something right and I'm told that we have on of the best Recycling Centers in the State. Everyone in Town who uses the Recycling Center has helped make all this work, Thanks

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Rook, Director
George Aldrich, Asst. Director

Rescue Squad

2009

Cornish Rescue Squad experienced a busy year in 2009 responding to 126 calls. These calls included; medical, motor vehicle accidents, trauma, etc....Our members are certified by National Registry of EMT's and licensed by the State of New Hampshire. All levels; First Responder, EMT B, EMT I, and Paramedic levels must meet NREMT standards consisting of continuing education, and a 24 hour refresher and a practical exam every two years. These are the minimum standards that must be met in order to be recertified and licensed.

Lebanon Fire Department, Windsor Ambulance and Golden Cross Ambulance provide our towns with ambulance coverage. Ambulance coverage for Cornish and Plainfield is by contract between the two towns and the ambulance service.

We have completed a full year of being dispatched through Hanover Dispatch Center. We will continue to work with them to provide the best radio coverage possible in our communities.

Cornish Rescue Squad hosted a 2 day Auto Extrication class this past summer with members of the Cornish, Plainfield, Meriden and Canaan Fire Departments attending. This class was made possible with the financial support provided by our communities through our annual fund drive and funds appropriated at both Cornish and Plainfield Town Meeting. We thank all of you for your continued support.

Cornish Rescue Squad also sponsored an EMT class that was completed in the spring of 2009.

Your financial support also defrays the cost of the following:

- ⊗ building maintenance
- ⊗ annual maintenance/inspection of our rescue truck
- ⊗ insurance for our building/contents and rescue truck
- ⊗ updated protective clothing including new OSHA requirements
- ⊗ maintenance, repairs and replacement of our portable radios and pagers
- ⊗ maintenance of our medical equipment
- ⊗ annual dispatch fees
- ⊗ medical supplies for our members jump bags and for bags on the rescue truck
- ⊗ continuing education for our members

In January 2010, at our monthly meeting, we will have had a change in officers. I will have served the allotted time as a Trustee which will mean turning over the Presidency to another member. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community and the members of the squad for their support during the past 3 years. I will continue to serve as a member of the squad in my capacity as an EMT I.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding health concerns or information that might be useful to our members if the need arises, information for placing E911 numbers or, if you have an interest in joining our squad. We welcome new membership at any time. There are two levels of membership; 1. A **Class A** member who responds to calls as a certified and licensed First Responder or EMT and 2. A **Class B** member who does not respond to medical calls, but offers assistance with the operations of the Cornish Rescue Squad. You can reach us by call 675-2221.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Lawrence
President

Solid Waste Committee

2009

The Solid Waste Committee decided other meetings were not necessary this year unless new developments warranted additional action.

The recycling center has undergone many changes during the past three years. The large roll-off containers for mixed paper and mixed containers now have shelter to keep rain and snow off their loads. There is a very active reuse center. The drive through area has been redesigned and graded allowing for a free flow of cars through the facility. The collection of bagged rubbish continues to be very popular. All of this helps reduce the waste sent for disposal and makes it easier for the residents to use it. During the past ten years, the use of the facility has tripled and recycling has increased from around 25 tons/year to the current level of more than 193 tons.

Two members of the committee continued to work with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission on their Solid Waste Task force. This group is working others in the region to provide long term waste reduction and disposal options.

The change in the economy has impacted the cost of recycling. The town still sees a savings even when it is charged a minimal fee to recycle. The cost of recycling is much less than the cost of disposal and it is less harmful to the environment! The Town of Cornish has one of the oldest recycling facilities in the state. We are fortunate to also have excellent service at a very low cost.

Sincerely;

The Solid Waste Committee
Patrick Pinkson-Burke, Chair
Dale Rook
Dan Flynn
George Edson
Cheston Newbold
John Hammond
Bill Gallagher
Tim Schad
Richard Thompson

Southwestern Community Services, Inc

2009

Southwestern Community Services, Inc. would like to sincerely thank the citizens of Cornish who have been such excellent partners to us in our efforts to serve those families who are in a time of need.

Over the years we have joined together with the town's representatives to deliver a multitude of human services. They include, but are not limited to: Head Start, Fuel Assistance, Handicapped Employment, Homeless Services, Family Housing and Elderly Housing.

During 2009 alone, with your help we have delivered services to 124 Cornish families, consisting of 201 citizens who were found to be in need. The value of these efforts totaled \$101,520.93.

We look forward to a long and continued good relationship with the people of Cornish and we extend an invitation anyone interested to stop by our offices and to further discuss the services that we are able to offer.

Sincerely,

David W. Osgood
Southwestern Community services, Inc.

Spirit Committee

2009

At the suggestion of the Selectpeople, the 2009 project for the Spirit Committee was the painting of the upstairs meeting room of the Town Office Building. We had a large volunteer group that included Shawn Hallock's 8th Grade baseball team! It was exciting to see young people giving back to their community. The enthusiastic group was able to get one coat of white paint on the walls and ceiling which brightened the interior space. We also had a generous donation of supplies from Sherwin Williams of Claremont arranged by Tim and Shelly Brookings and American Brush Company of Claremont, which helped us to meet expenses since our budget was down by 50%. Many thanks to Bernice Johnson for her donuts and others who donated yummy refreshments. Next year's project will be the addition and replacement of trees in Cornish Flat.

Projects completed to date:

1988 Painting the exterior of the Town Hall and adjacent School House.

1989 Painting the exterior of Town Sheds in the Flat and landscaping surrounding area.

1990 Siding and painting of school with tree planting. Stenciling by Polly Rand at Town Hall.

1991 Painting the interior and exterior of the Meetinghouse.

1992 Painting the interior hallways and cafeteria of the school.

1993 Landscaping and improving parking lot of school.

1994 Painting exterior of Town Hall.

1995 Landscaping front school yard after removal of oil tanks.

1996 Postponed due to rain.

1997 Paint Cornish Flat cemetery fence, paint inside of Town Library.

1998 Painting of the Hearse House and cemetery fences.

1999 Paint barns, benches, and picnic tables at Fair Grounds.

2000 Paint exterior of Meetinghouse.

2001 Funds to help Historical Society with renovation of old Selectman's Office.

2002 Paint exterior of Town Hall.

2003 Bicentennial celebration of Meetinghouse-painted interior upstairs.

2004 Part I painting of Old Schoolhouse #9.

2005 Part II painting of Old Schoolhouse #9.

2006 Part III painting of Old Schoolhouse #9.

2007 No Project

2008 Painting the trim of new Flat Fire Station and steps of Meetinghouse

2009 Painting interior of Town Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen O'Neill

Caroline Storrs

Co Chairpersons of the Spirit Committee

Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site

2009

2009 was another successful and busy year for Saint-Gaudens NHS. The park received 33,100 visitors in 2009, a 14% increase from the previous year. The park also hosted 1,157 schools students at education programs last year. The park benefited from the service of 64 volunteers who donated more than 5,500 hours of their time. The operating budget for 2009 was \$1,279,000.

The fourth-annual Sculptural Visions special event, held on National Public Lands Day in September, was extremely popular, with 550 people attending. The event celebrates the many forms sculpture may take and features sculpture activities and numerous artists demonstrating different sculptural techniques including modeling with clay, stone and wood carving, welding, and bronze casting. Throughout the year, the park and the Friends of Saint-Gaudens also held 18 sculpture workshops for the general public.

Saint-Gaudens received national attention this year with the release of the PBS documentary "Augustus Saint-Gaudens: Master of American Sculpture." The documentary was shown on PBS affiliates around the country and DVDs of the show are available in the park's book store. The park also held training sessions this year to help teachers incorporate this new documentary into their classroom curricula.

The year also marked the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Augustus Saint-Gaudens created two public monuments to Lincoln during his career. Both monuments are in Chicago, and his first, "Abraham Lincoln: The Man" is considered one of the finest statues of the president, with casts of the sculpture even found in Mexico City and London. For the 2009 season, the park published a free 12-page, booklet on the history and development of these two statues of Lincoln. In addition, one exhibit gallery was devoted to the statues and related items, such as the life mask of Lincoln done in 1860. Special daily tours were also developed that focused specifically on these two sculptures.

A series of cell phone tours were also created for the park. These tours have proven very popular and provide an additional means for visitors to access interpretive information after the galleries and historic buildings are closed. In the future, the park plans to also develop audio and video pod casts. The park also employed a Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT) this year. The TRT program brings a teacher to the park to work as a ranger during the summer; when the teacher returns to the classroom, s/he incorporates park lessons and curriculum into his/her courses. The park's TRT for this year was Liza Draper from Claremont.

The park completed several preservation projects this year. The Marble Temple, the final resting place for Augustus and Augusta Saint-Gaudens, received the attention of a stone conservator this year to clean and treat some areas of deteriorating stone. The historic caretakers garage received a new roof—the repairs were made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Work was also begun on repairing the west porch and repainting the exterior of Aspet.

The park is also planning for future preservation needs and projects. Historic Structure Reports are underway for the Blow-Me-Down Mill, Stables and the Caretaker's Cottage and Garage. These reports will elucidate the historic context of these buildings and help guide the park in future preservation efforts for these important historic structures.

The natural resource management program continued to remove invasive vegetation at the park with the assistance of a New Hampshire Conservation Corps (NHCC) crew, a program of the Student Conservation Association. Since 2003, the park has removed approximately 60,000 individual invasive plants. A NHCC crew also repaired the park's nature trails in 2009.

Near the end of 2009, long-time Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site Superintendent BJ Dunn was promoted to the position of Deputy Superintendent at Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia. I arrived in January as BJ's replacement and am looking forward to working with the town and citizens of Cornish in the coming months and years.

In 2010, the park is preparing to accept the donation of the Blow-Me-Down Farm from our non-profit partner, the Saint-Gaudens Memorial. Acceptance of this donation is the culmination of the long-held intention of both the Trustees of the Memorial and the donor who made the Memorial's acquisition of the property possible back in 1998. In 2008, the Memorial subdivided the property, creating a 5.2 acre lot in addition to the 42.3 acre historic core of the property. The 5.2 acre parcel is currently on the market as a one-home, residential lot and taxes from this property will help to offset the loss of taxes on the 42.3 acre parcel being donated to the park. In their 12 years of custodianship over the site, the Memorial has made significant investments to improve the site and prepare it for transfer to the American people, including the removal of a large metal building, removal of an old swimming pool and structural repairs to the barn. Also, the Memorial has graciously permitted the park to use the Blow-Me-Down Farm property for the past several years. In July of 2009, a week-long Preservation Philosophy workshop presented by the Preservation Education Institute (Windsor, VT) and co-sponsored by the NPS was held at the farm. Two environmental education programs were also held at the farm in 2009.

2010 also marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Cornish Art Colony. The commemoration of the founding will begin in the spring with an exhibition in the park's Picture Gallery of the artistic works of some notable Cornish Colony artists from the park's collections.

As always, the park would like to thank those who serve in the town police, rescue squad and fire departments for their responses to park alarms. We all appreciate their dedication and professionalism.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, suggestions or ideas about the park or other areas in which the National Park Service might be of assistance to the community. I can be reached at 603/675-2175 ext. 143 or by email at Rick_Kendall@nps.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Kendall
Superintendent

Saint-Gaudens Memorial Trustees

2009

The Trustees of the Saint-Gaudens Memorial, non-profit operating partner of the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, are very pleased to announce the gift of almost 43 acres of Blow-Me-Down Farm (across Route 12A from the Site on the Connecticut River) to the historic site. A generous donation in 1998 enabled the Memorial to purchase Blow Me Down Farm, preserving it from inappropriate development while holding the property in trust for eventual inclusion as part of the historic site. Once the home of Charles Beaman, who first invited Saint-Gaudens and others to come to this beautiful spot, the property has a rich history relating to the Cornish Colony, whose 125th anniversary is being celebrated this year. We look forward to partnering with the park in the future to develop creative programs and educational activities at Blow Me Down Farm that will promote appreciation and understanding of the important role of Augustus Saint-Gaudens and the Cornish Colony in the artistic and cultural history of this country.

The Trustees continue to support free programs at the historic site including contemporary and historic exhibitions in the Picture Gallery and a summer concert series; to support the park with contributions to its ongoing conservation and education programs; to encourage arts education locally through an elementary school art grant and a high school scholarship; and to partner with the historic site on special projects, such as production of the new film, *Augustus Saint-Gaudens: Master of American Sculpture*, which premiered last year on PBS and creation of a new protective roof for the *Farragut Monument*. Through the Friends of Saint-Gaudens, the Memorial also co-sponsors, with the historic site, programs such as the sculptural workshops and special activities, such as this year's bus trip to New York to see the Saint-Gaudens Exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum. For more information on the Memorial or the Friends, please visit www.sgnhs.org.

Supervisors of the Checklist

2009

The year of 2009 was an easier year of work for the Supervisors, with only the Cornish School District Meeting on March 7th and the Annual Town Meeting on March 10th.

We posted, published and held the meetings as required by law for our public meetings. We also posted work sessions, which we held to make corrections and additions, write letters to residents who moved from the community and added new registrations.

Following both elections much information was entered in the computer. We added full middle names, birth dates and checked where voters were born. All those who have taken the time to update their information have been a real help to us and has enabled us to continue our ElectionNet requirements. We thank them.

However, we still have a large number of registered voters who need to update their information to meet the HAVA regulations. A list of names is posted at the Cornish Town Office of those residents who are still requested to make out new registrations forms. This can be done at school district and town meetings or with the Town Clerk while residents register their vehicles, dogs or just dropping in the Town Office during regular hours.

The year 2010 will be a busy year for the Supervisors of the Checklist with additions of the Primary Election on September 14th and the General Election to be held on November 2nd.

Voters are reminded that NO PARTY AFFILIATION CHANGES can be made after JUNE 1, 2010 FOR VOTING IN THE SEPTEMBER PRIMARY.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Rollins, Chairman
Leland Atwood
Robin Monette

Town Clerk

2009

I would like to remind residents that 2010 dog licenses are due before April 30, 2010. It is state law that dogs are licensed every year. The majority of dog owners faithfully register their dogs every year. Unfortunately about 20 % are delinquent. This year the Cornish Police enforced this state law. Please register dogs to prevent additional fees and additional work for our police officers. They have enough to keep up with and would rather not come visit you for an unregistered dog.

The Motor Vehicle Mail-in Registrations have been very successful this past year. Please remember to send a self **addressed stamped envelope** to receive your decals back in the mail. If you are transferring a vehicle, you must have the old registration that you are taking the plates off when you come into the office.

During the year the following fees were collected and remitted to the Town Treasurer:

Motor Vehicles	\$257,298.50
Dogs	\$ 3150.00
Fish and Game	\$ 1212.00
Marriage Licenses	\$ 630.00
Misc.Fees	\$ 3399.73
Total	\$ 265,690.23

Respectfully submitted,
Paula R. Harthan
Town Clerk

Town Forest

2009

The following are highlights from the Town Forest this year:

Trail maintenance was performed throughout the year by hikers and mountain bikers as they frequently visited the forest. As a result the trails were in really excellent shape. The hiking trail up from the Tandy Brook parking area continues to have rock work to improve the difficult footing. Several groups of mountain bikers ride weekly in the forest in the dry season. We estimate that from 1 to 2 dozen people ride in the forest weekly in good weather.

The road crew enlarged the small parking area at the Tandy Brook Road trailhead so that, in warm seasons, it will easily accommodate 3 cars and can be plowed in winter. If you hike up the trail, at about 30 yards there is a fixed trail map and a supply of take away maps.

Burning by Roger Stone, Ed Woodbury and Ginny Prince reduced brush piles from the view maintenance work done last year. Plenty of brush that was buried under the snow was re-piled and covered by Ginny later and the boy scouts plan to burn it this winter.

Kate and Doug Freeland, Doug Miller, Laird Klingler, Jim Fitch and Ginny Prince performed the annual trash pick up along Tandy Brook on April 25.

In May, Frank Parks generously donated a Turkey Package (an assortment of about 50 seedlings suitable for turkey habitat). Due to time and site constraints, about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the seedlings were planted on the CREA land by the boy scouts under the direction of Leo Maslan and Linda Fuerst while Ginny planted the remainder in the forest along the loop road where they are marked by small light green flags.

Last year, Kate Freeland organized an application to the Tasker Covered Bridge fund to buy color-coded plastic trail markers to replace the fading paint trail blazes. The grant was approved and Ginny Prince finished marking the red trail with $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen of the 300 red markers to spare. She hopes to finish the other trails during 2010. She's also working on placing more directional signs at trail intersections.

Mowing of the loop road and associated open areas is called for every 3 years in the management plan but Ginny has been doing it each August or September to control invasive honey suckle, Russian autumn olive and buckthorn, and because it makes the loop road more inviting. Attempts to control buckthorn continue, with hand pulling, some girdling and covering cut stumps with recycled plastic plant pots. Also, release of apple, spruce and other desirable individual trees is being done as called for in the management plan, mostly in conjunction with trail maintenance work.

The management committee hosted a hayride Sept 19. Jim Fitch provided the comfortable hay wagon, and aided by Monty Monette, drove it with his

draft horses Mac and Belle. Francoise Jean-Baptiste, Richard Thompson, Linda Churchill and Pat Pinkson-Burke enjoyed the tour of the loop road, while Ginny Prince provided information about the town forest.

The boy scouts camped out at the Eagle's Ledge lean-to and later completed the privy for the shelter as scheduled. This comfortable, picturesque lean-to is available for anyone to use, just be sure to keep the area clean and carry out what you carry in. During dry seasons, a 4-wheel drive vehicle can drive south on Root Hill Road to within 50 yards of the shelter. Please stop in.

Betty and Doug miller, Robin Liston, Bill Lipfert, Jim Fitch and Ginny Prince attended the workday on November 7. These hard workers performed extensive work mostly by hand to clean and maintain the many water bars on Root Hill Road and the loop road. Jim and Ginny placed a pivoting log gate on the power line right of way at the south forest boundary, with the help of Ginny's tractor.

Repairs to the loop road and Root Hill Road completed year before last have held up well. Water bar maintenance has paid off by decreasing erosion on Root Hill. The gates installed at the lower end of the loop road and cables on the upper ends have been closed at the end of hunting season and opened when conditions dry up in early summer. This has been very helpful in minimizing damage from 4-wheel drive traffic, which was a big problem in past years. We hoped that the pivoting log gate added this year would round out our ability to control motor vehicle traffic but unfortunately contractors cutting brush on the right of way also cut the log despite discussions with Ginny Prince ahead of time. We would like to acquire more official metal gates to control these access points visibly and more securely.

Kate Freeland resigned from the management committee due to extreme time constraints and will be replaced by Ed Woodbury, who now lives near the forest and has been helping maintain the trails and bridges for years.

The town forest continues to be very popular for hunting. There were many deer hunter visits during bow, muzzleloader and rifle season and the deer population appears very active. The town forest is open to all licensed hunters in season.

The committee would like to encourage visits by nature viewers, hikers, skiers, snowshoers and cyclists. There are maps posted on all the trails a short distance in from their starting points, and there is a container of paper maps at the posted map on the trail from Tandy Brook Rd. In addition maps are available at the town office or by contacting Ginny Prince.

An exciting event has already been scheduled for June of 2010. The Cornish Library is holding a talk by Tom Wessels, author of "Reading the Forested Landscape." After the indoor talk Mr. Wessels will continue his discussion on a guided walk in the town forest. Watch for details in the spring.

From time to time there is interest in scout or other youth or community projects; the current To Do list follows. If interested in working on any of these items contact any of the committee members.

To Do List:

1. Continue to Improve and maintain erosion control structures on Root Hill Road, the loop road, and power line.
2. Burn the brush at the lookout to tidy up and revitalize existing blueberry patches
3. Inventory the flora and fauna of the town forest, ideally with photographs, and document tree growth over time.
4. Make and install more signs - directional signs for the trails, no motor vehicle signs where needed, possibly more detailed signs at the forest entrances explaining permitted activities, same as on the back of the trail maps.
5. Archeology study - find and map the foundations, stone walls, etc., find the privy and trash pits and excavate, research the history of residence and land use, etc.,
6. Create an interactive guide to the town forest for school age kids.
7. Release and prune apple trees (second go-round)
8. Design and at least begin a way to quantify and then monitor the growth of buckthorn, and other invasive plants.
9. Finish placing new trail markers.
10. Clean up scrap from processing wood for the recycling shed and other projects.

As in past years, the town forest budget includes no tax money. Because state law requires that any funds, donation or payment or otherwise, must be authorized in the warrant, the forest management committee is requesting permission to spend up to \$1500 for trail marking materials and other miscellaneous items for repair and construction of signs, bridges, gates etc.

For more information or to share thoughts about the town forest contact any committee member:

Ginny Prince, chair: 675.2129 or ginprin@mvgalaxy.com

Jim Fitch 675.9391 or fitchfarm@gmail.com

Ed Woodbury

Michael Meeks

John Hammond

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

2009

The Commission is one of nine regional planning commission in New Hampshire created to coordinate all aspects of planning, act as a liaison between local and state/federal agencies and provide advisory technical assistance on land use issues. We serve 27 communities from Piermont to Charleston along the Connecticut River and from Wilmot to Washington to the east.

Over the past year the Commission has expended a significant amount of energy increasing visibility, public relations and identifying the needs of the communities, ultimately aimed at building stability and capacity in order to better address land use issues that are important to the long-term sustainability of the communities within the region

Revenue for the Commission was \$721,630.58 for FY09. A large percentage of this funding comes from the Unified Planning Work Program utilizing Federal Highway Administration funding through the NH Department of Transportation. Other state and federal funding sources include the NH Department of Environmental Services, the NH Department of Safety - Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the Office of Energy and Planning. Member communities and counties provide membership dues. In FY2009 this allowed the Commission to leverage approximately \$350,000 in state and federal funds, and provided with the Commission with just over 15% of its revenue.

The Commission consists of representatives appointed by the leadership of each member municipality or county. These Commissioners represent your community's interests in the work the Commission does. The Commission had ten new Commissioners appointed by various municipalities and counties expanding resources and expertise within its leadership and demonstrating considerable renewed interest in regional collaboration. Additionally, Grafton County became a member of the Commission this year.

Some of this year's highlights include initiating Grafton County Coordination Summit which led to Regional Coordinating Councils for transit in Grafton modeled after the Sullivan County RCC which the Commission has shepherded for 3 years. We also developed a program for solid waste transportation management planning assistance for Sullivan County through USDA Solid Waste funding. In addition we secured funding and have begun work on developing a site for an Intermodal facility within the Upper Valley and completed four National Resource Inventories,

three Master Plan sections and numerous reviews of zoning ordinances and local land use policies.

The Commission provides a significant amount of hours of technical assistance to communities that inquire about specific local issues, data requests or needed resources. The communities of Croydon, Lempster, Goshen, Cornish, Charlestown, New London, Hanover, Sunapee, Lebanon, Grantham, Dorchester, Newport, Unity, Orange, Enfield, Piermont, Plainfield and Leominster all took advantage of these services this past year.

The Commission was engaged in over 45 projects within the region this year and has increased its capacity to serve the communities of the region.

We have already begun work on many new initiatives in the region and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Walker
Executive Director

Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of VT and NH

2009

Home Healthcare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Cornish, NH

The VNA & Hospice is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home healthcare and hospice support services to individuals and their families. By keeping Cornish residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals, and reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical expenses.

VNA & Hospice clients are of all ages and at all stages in life. Services are provided to all in need regardless of ability to pay. Between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, the VNA & Hospice made 270 homecare visits to Cornish residents. This is a 42% increase in services provided. The VNA & Hospice provided approximately \$14,800 of uncompensated care to Cornish residents.

Services provided include:

Home HealthCare: home visits to residents with short-term medical or physical needs

Long-term Care: home visits to residents with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in their home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

Hospice Services: home visits to residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Maternal and Child Health Services: home visits to residents for well baby, preventative and high-tech medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNA & Hospice community clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing and flu shots.

Cornish's annual appropriation helps the VNA & Hospice meet the demand for quality home healthcare, and to ensure that all who qualify for services will always be able to receive them. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jeanne McLaughlin, President (1-888-300-8853)

Volunteers in Action

2009

“Volunteers in Action” brings together caring volunteers with neighbors in need of a helping hand in Cornish, New Hampshire and in the adjacent towns in the Mt. Ascutney area. We are grateful for the support Cornish voters give to Volunteers in Action in our effort to connect neighbors with needs and caring volunteers. Our goal is to help our neighbors remain independent and healthy by assisting them with services such as transportation, shopping, chores, friendly visitation, telephone contact, reading and walking companionship. We visit all new neighbors to match them with an appropriate volunteer.

There are currently 159 active volunteers. During 2009, they gave over 19,195 hours of service. These services include transportation to medical appointments and all the other requests a neighbor may have; from shopping to hairdressing, to visiting! ViA volunteers were also active in many area sites such as Mt Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, Stoughton House, Evarts House, Olde Windsor Village and area food shelves. We have 14 volunteers who knitted sweaters, hats, gloves, lap blankets, toe socks, slippers, and shawls that were distributed to anyone needing warmth and comfort. Cornish neighbors have received donations from this group. Our volunteers also: install lifelines, shovel snow and rake lawns, assist with mailings for community agencies, deliver and serve meals, provide telephone contact, friendly visitation, reading and walking with elders, and serve in many of the departments at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center.

In July 2009, Volunteers in Action began coordinating the Meals on Wheels and Congregate Meals Program for this area. Currently, there are three Congregate Meal sites: one is Windsor, Hartland and Ascutney. Our volunteers have been a part of these programs for many years and when the opportunity came up for Volunteers in Action to oversee the entire program, we knew it would be a perfect match.

Requests for assistance come from the visiting nurses, The Council on Aging, Mt. Ascutney Hospital & Health Center, Dartmouth-Hitchcock, individuals, neighbors, volunteers, family members and community agencies.

To request service or to volunteer, please call Jannice Ellen, Scottie Shattuck or Catharine Wagner at 802-674-5971. ViA has an office located in the community in the Historic Windsor House. We welcome your inquiries.

Website

2009

Cornish town web site – www.cornishnh.net – continues to bring town information and news to viewers. As the official town web site, it is primarily static except for news and town committee meeting minutes updates.

It remains essentially the same format, though a blog was added this year – <http://www.cornishnh.net.blogspot.com/> as a way to share special news events and encourage participation. The blog was not a big hit and for 2010, a Facebook site may be added as it provides a platform for more immediate access and response.

Otherwise, the entire site attracts more than 3,000 unique visits a month, which almost doubles its viewership since starting in June 2006.

For those who have not visited the site, there is a new page, information about town boards, town board meeting minutes, links to state agencies and area sites, local area information, town map and calendar.

I welcome suggestions for the web site. Moreover, if you have a town video or images you want posted, let me know – jcschoeler@comcast.net.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Schoeler

Wetlands Wildlife Committee

2009

In 2009, the Selectboard formed an advisory group whose primary function would be to assist the Town and private landowners in making decisions on how to deal with (among other things) problems caused by beavers, mainly where Town land abuts private land. This group's title is "Wetlands Wildlife Committee". Members of the committee are Jim Fitch, Troy Simino and Frank Parks. The Wetlands Wildlife Committee responded to about six calls from property owners last year. All six calls concerned beaver activity. Assessments of both the short and long term impact that the beaver activity may have on the properties were done and recommendations were made collaboratively with the landowner(s) on how to best deal with each situation.

The WWC also installed a different type of "beaver baffle" at the CREA property to replace the existing screen device that was on the culvert between the fields. The new baffle seems to be working well and is relatively maintenance free compared to the screen, which needed to be cleaned daily. The members of the committee also went to at least one seminar during the year that dealt with both the positive and negative impacts that beavers can have on properties.

The WWC is all volunteer and would like to thank all who helped this past year. The Town of Cornish incurred no known expense for activity from this group in 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Wetland Wildlife Committee

James Fitch
Troy Simino
Frank Parks

Cornish Youth Recreation Association

2009

C.Y.R.A. is a non profit organization. Our Mission Statement is to promote, enhance and foster recreational opportunities, good sportsmanship and respect for the Cornish Community, not limited to age or residence.

Our starting balance on 1/1/09 was \$252.33 and our ending balance on 12/31/09 was \$649.39. We brought in \$2,495.05 through donations and registration fees. Our total expense for 2009 was \$2099.99.

Basketball - We started 2009 with a fantastic basketball program for grades K – 4; 33 kids participated. We had a Sat. program that Coach Doug McGrath oversaw, and a Sun. program that was overseen by Coach Meg Tenney. There was a traveling 3rd/4th grade boys team coached by Henry Collier and Jim Strout and a traveling 3rd/4th grade girls team coached by Doug McGrath and Jim Strout. The traveling teams had a lot of fun and played well. There were two very generous donations that made it possible for the two teams to compete in the TSV tournament as well the St Mary's tournament.

Tee Ball - Our tee ball program is for children ages pre-K - 2nd grade. 23 kids participated. The coaches were Jim Strout, Howard Bowie, Reyer Jaarsma and Steve Kelliher.

Baseball - Baseball was for kids in grades 2 - 5 and had approximately 33 kids participate. The coaches were Mark Roper, Cory Healy, Glenn Thornton, Reyer Jaarsma, Wendy Barros and Jeff McGlone.

Softball - We had a traveling softball team for girls in 3rd & 4th grade. Ten girls were on the team which was coached by Molly Wood.

We were extremely fortunate to have these fabulous coaches who donated their time and expertise to help make these programs such a success. In addition to the coaches we had numerous parents help us as well. Thank you to all of our volunteers as well as to everyone who made a donation to C.Y.R.A; we couldn't have done it without you. We are always looking for fresh ideas and suggestions for new programs. We meet on a regular basis. If you would like more information or have suggestions, call Jim or Karen Strout at 542-1409.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Strout, Treasurer

Zoning Board of Adjustment

2009

There were two cases brought before the Zoning Board of Adjustment during the 2009 year. The first case involved a request for a variance which was granted and the second case involved both a request for a variance and special exception. The variance was denied while the special exception was granted.

Karim Chichakly, Chairperson
Caroline Storrs, Vice Chairperson/Clerk
Jason Bourne
James Brown
Bruce Tracy
Scott Baker (alternate)
Dale Rook (alternate)
Bill Balch (alternate)

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Cornish School District

March 2010

Officers of the School District

Clerk	Kathryn Patterson
Treasurer	Vacant
Moderator	Terrie Scott

School Board Members

Karen Jameson	Term Expires 2010
Kathleen Maslan	Term Expires 2011
Kristi Stevens	Term Expires 2011
Corinne Kelliher	Term Expires 2012
Dr. William Palmer	Term Expires 2012

Auditors
Plodzick & Sanderson

2010 Annual Report of the School Board

Cornish School Board Goals

- 1) To improve student achievement
- 2) To build a more respectful, cooperative, and safe learning environment
- 3) To increase academic rigor

Academic Progress

The board is extremely pleased with the substantial improvement in the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) scores. The math and language arts scores were excellent at 89.5 and 94.3, respectively. This is the result of continued work on the curriculum by the staff and hard work by the students. The board strongly supports continued efforts in these areas as well as the rest of the school curriculum. The board looks forward to seeing further innovation in the science program and technology with the addition of computerized white boards to the school classrooms. The school community will continue to work collaboratively in order to increase rigor, always striving for excellence.

Energy Efficiency and Heating Upgrades

Last year the school, at the recommendation from the Energy and Building and Maintenance Committees, hired the Jordan Institute to study our building and advise us all on how to save energy and what our best options to replace our ancient heating would be. We have had several presentations and a public forum to discuss the Jordan Institute's recommendations. There are significant reasons to proceed with a bond to move ahead with this major project this year. While the project would pay for itself in energy savings over the next twelve years this is the last year we are assured that the state will pay for 30% of the project through building aid. The school principal, with help from volunteers in town, has also applied for a grant to pay for a substantial part of the project. At the time of this writing, the Building Committee and a group of volunteers are further assessing the Jordan Institutes recommendations with the goal of presenting a detailed proposal for the town to vote on. The board supports this project as it would significantly lower future energy use and expense and replace and repair our outdated and inefficient heating plant, something that we will have to do soon regardless.

Thanks

The board would like to thank the principal, staff, students and the SAU for their tireless efforts to improve the Cornish School. We hear wonderful things about student initiative, improved academic achievement, sports programs and performances.

The board would also like to thank the volunteers who have put in countless hours working on committees, grants and, this year, the energy project. The school would not be what it is without all their support.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Cornish School Board,

William Palmer, Chair



Healthy habits help keep you and your family well.

Healthy habits can protect you and your children. Simple actions can stop germs and prevent illnesses.

- **Cover your mouth and nose.** Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow. If you use a tissue when you cough or sneeze, drop it in the trash. Then wash your hands.
- **Wash your hands often.** Hand washing can stop the spread of germs.
- **Brush and floss your teeth,** at least twice a day.
- **Eat five (5) fruits and vegetables per day.** Make half of your daily grain intake whole grains. Limit intake of soda, fast foods, candy, cookies, chips, and cakes.
- **Eat breakfast every day.**
- **Exercise every day** for at least 30 minutes, 60 minutes is better and recommended for all children. Get enough rest.
- **Limit students screen time,** TV, video games, PC's, etc, to no more than 2 hours a day. This does not include time spent actually doing homework.
- **Remind your children to practice healthy habits.** Model this for them.
- **Healthy habits help reduce illnesses and sick days.** Healthy habits may help improve school performance.
- **Healthy habits stop germs at home, work and school.**

This message is from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of Health and Human Services, and your school nurse. To learn more, please visit www.cdc.gov and www.mypyramid.gov.

A Letter from the Superintendent

February 2010

Dear Parents and Community Members:

As we have done in the past, we have included the “Impact Sheet” for this school year. You can see what each of the three districts in SAU #6 is working on through its own goals and by using some common tools and strategies, as well as unique features to each district.

The state’s annual assessment program, the NECAP, has now been completed through five testing sessions. We just received the results in the last few weeks from the fall 2009 assessments. Having been through the testing five times now, Cornish staff are able to help Cornish students know better how to “take” the test. Cornish staff have also worked hard to align the Cornish curriculum and the state curriculum standards known as GLEs (Grade Level Expectations) and GSEs (Grade Span Expectations). Staff have participated in quite a lot of curriculum and instruction professional development on their own and through the SAU. Staff are using technology more and more to enhance their instruction.

Our initial analysis of the Fall 2009 results tells us that we have finally turned some difficult corners! The results are posted by Ms. Bronga’s office with great pride. Cornish students showed good, strong growth in many areas and subgroups. Staff will be using these results, as well as the results of classroom assessments and the MAP assessments to continue to refine their instructional strategies.

All in all, to date it’s been a great year in the Cornish Elementary School despite the H1N1 flu that kept us all very busy through the fall. There have been academic, social, and physical gains for the students, new learning by staff, wonderful drama productions, interesting open houses and presentations, and committees working hard on behalf of the many causes/needs in the school. Our students continue to do very, very well as they move in to high schools in two states. Yet we certainly know that there is always much more we can do by working together.

I so appreciate the hard work of the School Board, the Cornish staff, Ms. Bronga, the parents, the community, and the SAU staff who all work tirelessly on behalf of the school and its students. Cornish is an amazing and wonderful community.

I continue to be very proud to be the Superintendent of this school district. I look forward to seeing you at the Cornish School District meeting on March 6, 2010.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline E. Guillette
Superintendent of Schools

SAU #6: Cornish, Claremont, and Unity, NH
 RELATIONSHIPS. RIGOR. RELEVANCE.
 COLLABORATIVE CULTURE.

$$R^3 + C^2 = SAU \#6$$

IMPACT FOR 2009-2010:

It is the mission of SAU #6 to foster a collaborative culture of excellence for all by ensuring engaging instructional practices in an appropriate learning environment.

NECESSARY OUTCOMES: (Not in prioritized order)

- *Expanding the number of students achieving at grade level or above.
- *Increasing communication with all stakeholders.
- *Implementing a set of clearly-articulated, challenging learning standards in all subjects and disciplines.
- *Providing a safe learning environment for all students.
- *Removing barriers to student learning.
- *Expanding the staff's instructional repertoire.
- *Expanding opportunities for early learning and intervention – birth through Grade 3.
- *Increasing school, family and community partnerships.

SAU #6 SCHOOL BOARDS' GOALS FOR 2009-2010:

Claremont: Adopted on 11-4-09

- *To increase personal and professional achievement for everyone.
- *To improve our facilities and programs.
- *To provide effective communications to our community.

Cornish: Adopted on 11-16-09

- *To improve student achievement.
- *To build a more respectful, cooperative, and safe learning environment.
- *To increase academic rigor.

TOOLS:

ADEQUATE FACILITIES

ALIGNED AND CHALLENGING CURRICULUM

EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP AND INSTRUCTION-RBT AND OAT

PBIS AND/OR BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

DATA-BASED DECISION MAKING

TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE INSTRUCTION AND DECISION MAKING

HIGH QUALITY, RELEVANT PD

SCHOOL BOARDS' GOALS FOR 2009-2010 (continued)

Unity: Adopted on 11-10-09

- *To improve student achievement.
- *To have a safe, instructionally supportive facility.
- *To attract and retain highly professional staff.

UNDERPINNINGS:

- *Collect, analyze, and use data to inform decision making.
- *Develop and implement an effective decision making model for each district.
- *Develop technology infrastructure, professional skills, and programs for instructional support.
- *Differentiate instruction to meet all students' needs.
- *Attract and retain highly qualified staff.
- *Build more school, family, community, and business partnerships.

RESOURCES NEEDED:

People: Teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, custodians and maintenance, school lunch staff, Dow staff, secretaries, FSC staff, families, community members, business partners, higher ed. partners, bus drivers
 Financial: Tax dollars, grants, contracts, fees, donations, in-kind
Community: Agencies, businesses, organizations
Structure: Safe, healthy, up-to-date facilities – inside and outside
Time: To do the necessary work thoughtfully

$$R^3 + C^2 = \text{SAU \#6}$$

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AND
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FORMATIVE AND
SUMMATIVE

11-20-09



STUDENT ENROLLMENT 2010

Elementary School (01/11/2010)

Kindergarten	12	5th Grade	18
1st Grade	15	6th Grade	14
2nd Grade	12	7th Grade	20
3rd Grade	13	8th Grade	16
4th Grade	17	TOTAL ENROLLMENT:	137

Public High School Enrollments (01/08/2010)

	Claremont	Hanover	Hartford	Lebanon	Sunapee	Windsor	Total
9th Grade	2	1	3	1	0	11	18
10th Grade	3	1	3	4	0	9	20
11th Grade	0	0	4	3	1	6	14
12th Grade	1	0	1	0	0	9	11
TOTALS:	6	2	11	8	1	35	63

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

	09-10 Budget	09-10 Present	Less Seniors	Add Freshmen	10-11 Total	10-11 Rate	Total
Stevens	5	6	1	1	6	14,535	87,210
Hartford	12	11	1	4	14	11,600	162,400
Windsor	33	35	9	6	32	13,000	416,000
Hanover	3	2	0	0	2	14,535	29,070
Lebanon	14	8	0	4	12	13,321	159,852
Sunapee	0	1	0	0	1	14,535	14,535
Totals	67	63	11	15	67		869,067

Out of State 578,400
In State 290,667

Principal & Teachers ~ 2009-2010

Mary Bronga	Principal
Linda Coolidge (0.5)	Kindergarten
Christine Bourne	Grade 1
Dawn Crary	Grade 2
Jennifer Wishnefsky	Grade 3
Elizabeth Tilton-Wahlert	Grade 4
Ruth Cassidy	5 & 6 Soc. Studies, Lang. Arts
Caroline Storrs	7 & 8 Soc. Studies, Lang. Arts
Katri Pollard	5 & 6 Math and Science
Jeffrey Taylor	7 & 8 Math and Science
Rachel Roper	Library Media Specialist
Sylvia Brown (0.8)	Reading Specialist
Constance Filbin (0.6)	Guidance
Benjamin Fournier (0.6)	Physical Education
Kelly LeCreta (0.6)	Art
Cynthia Ouellette (0.5)	World Language
Lois Buchan (0.6)	K-8 Music
Susan Gagne	Special Educator
Judith Maule	Special Educator
Carol Bennett (0.5)	Reading Support Teacher
Jean Weeks (0.33)	7 & 8 Math

School Support Staff

Dale Lawrence	Administrative Assistant
Mary Liz Lynch	Nurse
Michael Monette	Maintenance/Custodian
Everett Strout	Part Time Evening Custodian
Laura Claggett	Paraprofessional
Susan Orog	Paraprofessional
Cheryl Ryan	Paraprofessional
Nancy Thornton	Paraprofessional
Rose Towle	Paraprofessional
Jane Brodeur	Paraprofessional – Special Education
Kassie Bagley	Paraprofessional – Special Education
Kelsey Dangelo	Paraprofessional – Special Education
Jennifer Derosier	Paraprofessional – Special Education
Caitlin McCutchan	Paraprofessional – Special Education
Janet Peirce	Paraprofessional – Special Education
Jody Travis	Paraprofessional – Special Education
Alisha Vigneault	Paraprofessional – Special Education
Ruth Schneider	Tutor
Ashley O'Connor	B&ASP and Kindercare Director
Kate Barber	Kindercare & After School Program Asst./Athletic Director

Contracted Support:

Ann Marie Bohn - O.T.R.	Karen Coronis - Speech/Language Pathologist
Mike Jangel - Café Services	Mary Ann Salvatoriello - School Psychologist

Principal's Report

2010

The mission of the Cornish Elementary School is to educate and inspire each child to reach his or her academic potential, as well as to help each child develop the skills required to be a responsible person.

The school year started with a great “kick-off” event sponsored by the Cornish Community PTO called the Rock and Read Carnival. Rock and Read was an initiative to promote and encourage students to read over the summer and keep a log of their minutes. Students turned in their logs and received tickets to play carnival-like games and win prizes. Entertainment was provided towards the end of the evening by clown, Michael Zerphy, sponsored by the George H Stowell Free Library and funded by the Margaret O. Cromwell Family Fund of the Baltimore Community Foundation. I was very pleased to announce that the total number of minutes read were **59,962** with 17 students reading over 1000 minutes.

We continue to work on school climate and discipline. This is an ongoing process in our efforts to create an environment that is conducive to learning. We have instituted new tiers of intervention for discipline, primarily for grades 3-8. The entire staff attended a workshop at the beginning of the year that focused on striving to limit the need for consequences by taking a prevention-based approach to student management. This entails developing positive relationships with students, establishing clear parameters of acceptable student behavior and monitoring procedures. However, there are times when students warrant consequences for rule violations and disruptions. The following is an example of the consequences a student could receive for non-serious rule violations or disruptions: time out, lunch detention, or after-school detention. We are keeping a detention log and hope to see a decline in detentions as the year progresses.

We hosted a Family Math Night in late September. About 90% of our families participated. Parents were introduced to the Everyday Math games, which reinforce basic skills, and online resources that can be accessed at home. Parents were also treated to a demonstration of our new SMART Boards, an interactive white board used to enhance instruction.

Small group and individual math intervention support has been put in place for students needing additional instruction. This is similar to what we do in reading.

Our academic goals for the 2009-2010 school year are as follows:

- 80% of students will be proficient in math by June 2010
- 80% of students will be proficient in reading by June 2010
- 80% of students will be proficient in writing by June 2010

We have adjusted our goals and increased our expectations from last year from 75% to 80% proficiency levels in our efforts to achieve academic excellence.

We have some new staff who have joined us this year. Ben Fournier is the new physical education teacher. Jean Weeks is teaching two math intervention classes for seventh and eight grades. The new paraprofessionals are Caitlyn McCutchan, Laura Claggett, Kassie Bagley, and Janet Peirce. We are fortunate to have such highly qualified individuals working with us.

The Cornish Community continues to support the school. I wish to thank all the volunteers that help in the classrooms and with the mini-courses, the volunteers who run the Four Winds Program, and the volunteers working on making the building more energy efficient.

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Bronga



Cornish Athletic Committee

The Athletic Program for Cornish School promotes wellness and physical fitness. We pride ourselves on good sportsmanship and being “team players.” This year we have expanded our 5-8 program to include 3rd and 4th graders.

Soccer:

Total # of games played- 59
of girls 26
of boys 26
of coaches 6

Basketball:

Total # of games played- 62
of girls 28
of boys 23
of coaches 9

All our coaches are volunteers and we wish to thank them for their dedication and hard work. Coaches and athletic committee members:

Kate Barber -	Andrew Johnson
Cory Healy	Jeff McGlone
Mike St.Martin	Chris Gilbert
Glenn Thornton	Ben Fournier
Jen Wishnefsky	Greg Clark
Steve Peters	Henry Collier
Doug McGrath	Cara Decato
Doug Thayer	Meg Tenney
Tom Barber	Josh Cloud

Submitted by,
Kate Barber

CCPTO Annual Report

2009/10

The CCPTO stands for the Cornish Community Parent Teacher Organization. It is named Cornish Community because our mission is to enhance educational and social opportunities while strengthening school and community ties.

The following list represents programs and activities with which the CCPTO has been involved with during the 2008/2009 school year.

- Open House/Math Night Receptions – provide financial support
- Summer Reading Initiative - sponsor
- Rockin' Reading Carnival – coordinate/finance
- Scholastic Book Fair - coordinate
- Four Winds Science Program – provide financial support
- Field Trips and Field Trip Transportation – provide financial support
- School Calendar Magnets – finance
- Graduation Awards – provide financial support
- Kindergarten Welcome Kits – finance
- TV Turn Off Week – provide financial support
- Lifelong Activities – coordinate/provide financial support
- Playground Equipment – finance
- Red Ribbon Week – finance
- Classroom Materials – provide financial support
- Cornish School Clothing – sponsor
- Holiday Shop – coordinate/sponsor
- Yearbook – provide financial support
- Smartboard – finance
- Passport Winter Activity program grades 3-5 – sponsor

2008/2009 Fundraisers

- The Cornish Fair – main fundraiser (raised \$2000 in 2009)
- Innisbrook Wrapping Paper – fundraiser (raised \$2000 in 2009)
- Box Tops for Education – (raised \$250 in 2009)
- Campbell's Soup Labels- (have collected >6,000 labels)

Goals – 2010/2011

- Continue/increase fundraising
- Continue to support the various enrichment programs listed above
- Increase membership
- Increase community involvement in school events

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Bourne, President CCPTO

Cornish Elementary School Nurse: Annual Report

School Health and Nutrition/Wellness Programs

School Year 2008/2009

School Health Goals for 2008/09:

	<u>Status:</u>
- Teach CPR to students and staff and coaches.	8 th grade students
- Support School goals by encouraging respectful behavior, and supporting academic rigor in Adolescent Issues.	Ongoing
- Using the principles of continuous quality improvement, continue program to decrease student injuries.	Ongoing
- Using illness data continue to evaluate the efficacy of the continued emphasis on handwashing.	Ongoing
- Using the QI process, evaluate BMI percents.	Ongoing
- Teach health classes, to all grades, on preventing the spread of germs through contact with blood and body fluids.	Ongoing
Discuss with student the importance of "Covering coughs."	
- Continue to provide communications with teachers, paras, and parents regarding health-related issues.	Ongoing
- Continue Nutrition/Wellness work.	Ongoing
- Upgrade School Health Program, as necessary.	Ongoing
- Continue work with NH School Nurse Association.	Ongoing
- Continue work with CES & SAU Safety Committees.	Ongoing

Quality Improvement (QI) Program: School Health:

Analysis of QI Data: Illness & Injury Data:

All students may come into the Health Office to get skin lotion, Vaseline for chapped lips, and suntan lotion as needed. These visits are not counted in the Health Office statistics. The exception to this is if the student requires evaluation of the condition prior to use. For example, if a student comes in with bleeding from what appears to be chapped lips, the bleeding is evaluated then controlled, if necessary, then Vaseline is applied. This student's visit would be documented.

There were a total of 1203 nurse visits in the school year 2008/2009. 52% of visits were related to illness and 48% related to injury. There is a minor change in this data from last year. The average per student illness related nurse contact was 4.8. This represents an increase from last year. Complaints of illness related to the respiratory tract accounted for 32% of all illness related nurse visits. This is an increase of 4% from the previous year. We did see an unexpected increase in respiratory illness in the month of April. This may have been related to a late Influenza outbreak. We reminded students about the importance of covering their coughs and washing their hands. This will continue.

In a comparison, the average number of per student injury related nurse visits were 4.4 visits per student. This is also slightly up from last year. When analyzing the source of injuries, 34% of the reported injuries were playground-related injuries, excluding structure-related. This represents a minor change from last year. Structure-related injuries remained without change at 2% of all reported injuries. Physical Education related injuries are down from 16% to 12%. These data had been reviewed with Ms. Bronga and Mr. Whalen, our PE teacher.

24% of injury-related visits were from other injuries sustained in school not associated with the sources previously mentioned, e.g. paper cut, tripped, etc. This is without change. Home-related injuries resulted in 22% of nurse visits down from 24%. This would include falling off bikes, getting injured sledding, etc. After school sports accounted for 6% of nurse visits. This is up slightly from 4% last school year.

Follow-up of QI Data: Continue to analyze injury data by source and type of injury. These data will be presented to the CES safety committee. Analyze illness data by type of illness.

Nutrition/Wellness Goals 2009/2010:

- Recruit new members
- Review School Wellness Program and Policy
- Celebrate National Nutrition Month in March

Status:

Ongoing
Ongoing
Planned

Committee members: Mike Jangel, Mary Bronga, Mary Liz Lynch. With regret the committee said Good Bye to Karen Jameson and Patrick Whalen.

Nutrition/Wellness Data:

Maintaining a healthy food intake vs. exercise balance is important in maintaining good health over the course of a lifetime. One marker of this balance is the body mass index (BMI). The score is valid for both children and adolescents but it does have some limits. The **limits** are:

- It may **overestimate** body fat in athletes and in others, whose body is muscular.
- It may **underestimate** body fat in those who have lost muscle mass.
- It may not be used alone for children and adolescents. Children put on weight prior to growth spurts. When a BMI is calculated during one of these times they may appear to be at risk for obesity or actually obese, when in fact they are in the middle of growing. Graphing the BMI as a **percentage** compared to other children the same age helps to make sense of this process.

A BMI and percent were calculated and graphed for each student. These graphs were then compared to US averages. The third grade data was compared to NH data that was generated by state and county. Given our small class sizes it is

difficult to see by one data point if we have a significant problem. This data was reviewed with Mr. Fournier, PE teacher. He also was not convinced our third grade had any issues.

The Nutrition Wellness Committee met only a couple of times last year. We continue pursuing involvement in the Farm to School Program. This past year we had a yogurt sampling to highlight the dairy part of the pyramid. And, a whole grain bread sampling was also held. They were a tremendous success.

We continue with the March Nutrition Theme. With posters up around the school, we held a “nutrition fact scavenger hunt”. There were prizes awarded to one student from each grade.

Regarding the goal of improving fitness, the school and community continue to invest in this goal.

Follow-up of QI Data: Continue to collect BMI’s. Analyze results. Continue to stress healthy eating, limiting screen time, getting exercise an hour of every day and getting enough rest.

Goals School Year 2009-2010: (as relates to School District)

- Teach CPR to 8th grade students.
- Support school goals by encouraging respectful behavior and supporting academic rigor in Adolescent Issues.
- Using the principles of continuous quality improvement, continue program to decrease student injuries.
- Using illness data, continue to evaluate the efficacy of the continued emphasis on handwashing.
- Using the quality improvement process, evaluate BMI percents.
- Teach health classes to all grades and discuss with students the importance of “covering coughs” and handwashing.
- Continue to provide communications with teachers, paras, and parents regarding health-related issues.
- Continue Nutrition/Wellness work.
- Upgrade School Health Program, as necessary.
- Continue work with NH School Nurse's Association.
- Continue work with School and SAU Safety Committees.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary E. Lynch, R.N.

School Nurse

Chair Nutrition/Wellness Committee

After Kinder Program

2010

The After Kinder Program is in its fifth year of operation. It continues to be a helpful service to the families in Cornish who have children in Kindergarten. There are currently 13 children enrolled in kindergarten. Of those 13 children, 8 have used the After Kinder Program so far this school year.

The Cornish After Kinder Program strives to provide quality child care for children in kindergarten. Our program runs from 11:00 AM to 2:45 PM. Tuition cost is \$16 per day. The program operates out of the kindergarten classroom within the Cornish Elementary School. This allows the children to have as few transitions as possible.

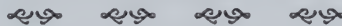
We strive to provide a variety of activities for the children. We have a strong emphasis on social skills development. The children are taught problem solving skills that give them a base for what they are learning in school, and will face when they attend an all day class. Throughout the afternoon the children are engaged in a variety of activities including: dramatic play, arts and crafts, science experiments, cooking sessions, writing, reading, math concepts, sensory activities, circle time, cooperative group games, and nature explorations. There are many opportunities for natural play and creative expression. Program staff works closely with the kindergarten teacher to ensure children have a smooth transition at the end of their school day. Children who attend the After Kinder Program may receive hot lunch and may also take the bus home from school.

We are licensed from the State of New Hampshire Child Care Licensing Bureau. This is an accomplishment that we are all very proud of.

Some benefits of the After Kinder Program include:

- * Increased opportunities of social skills development
- * Easier transition to an all day classroom
- * Gain higher familiarity with the school environment and the educational staff within the school

If you have any questions about the After Kinder Program, please contact Ashley O'Connor at the Cornish Elementary School.



Before & After School Program

2010

At the time of this writing 31 families have used the Before and After School Programs. From those 31 families, 18 children have used the Before School Program, and 40 children have used the After School Program. We are a multi-age program that welcomes children from Kindergarten through seventh grade. Program hours are 7:15 AM to 8:00 AM and 2:45 PM – 6:00 PM

Monday-Thursday, 2:45 PM – 5:30 PM Friday. The Before School Program costs \$3 per day, and the After School Program costs \$10 per day.

This year we extended our program to include a Homework Club. Homework Club runs from 2:45 PM – 4:00 PM, Monday – Thursday. Staff assists students in completing homework and classroom assignments. 31 students have participated in homework club so far this year.

The Cornish Before & After School Program strives to provide quality out-of-school time and is dedicated to the development, education and care of children during these hours. Many of the activities that are provided in these programs allow for freedom to socialize with peers. It is very important to a child's social development that they are allowed to simply just be with their friends in an environment that allows safe explorations of play. Multi-age programs allow for development and exploration of different types of play among the children. The Before & After School Program strives to provide quality child care and enrichment opportunities which parents can rely upon throughout the school calendar year, as defined by the Cornish Elementary School District calendar. The program provides a variety of activities which include recreation and games, arts and crafts, reading, music, time to work on homework, and "free time" for the children to pursue their own interests in a safe, friendly environment.

Parents' Expectations of the Programs

Parents may expect that:

1. Their children are cared for in a safe, supportive environment.
2. They may visit with the Director about concerns related to their child or the program.
3. They will be told about any misbehavior on the part of their child, and visit with the program Director in order to bring about improvement in the situation.
4. They will be informed promptly if the child does not arrive at the program according to his/her enrollment information.
5. They will be regularly informed by the program Director about program activities.

Children's Expectations of The Programs

Children may expect:

1. To have a safe, supportive and consistent environment.
2. To use all the program equipment, materials, and facilities on an equal basis.
3. To receive respectful treatment.
4. To have discipline that is fair and non-punitive.
5. To receive nurturing care from staff members who are actively involved with them.

Our program is proudly licensed with the State of New Hampshire Child Care Licensing Bureau.

If you have any questions about the Before & After School Programs, please contact Ashley O'Connor at the Cornish Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted by:
Ashley O'Connor
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Cornish Elementary School
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Cornish School Enrichment Report
2009 – 2010

The Enrichment Program has enjoyed another successful year expanding the musical, cultural, visual, and intellectual horizons for the students at the Cornish School. The focus of the Enrichment Committee was to support the school's chosen 2008 – 2009 theme: Kids Make A Difference. The Cornish School staff decided to concentrate on energy alternatives for today's children and look at different ways our students could become good stewards of the earth. The Enrichment Committee funded Michael Caduto, an award winning environmentalist, master storyteller and creator/coauthor of Keepers of the Earth, to present a kickoff program about renewable energy explored through science and the arts. Then each classroom, over a four week period, participated in many different learning opportunities, culminating in an evening performance on the fifth week.

This year's theme is the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Cornish Colony. The students and staff will be creating different activities to celebrate our illustrious past and a final presentation of the activities will be performed at *The St. Gaudens National Historic Site* on the evening of Friday, May 21st. The Cornish School Enrichment Committee will be supporting the activities both monetarily and with volunteers. If there is anyone who would like to donate their time and/or knowledge, or make a monetary contribution, please call Ms. Bronga at the Cornish School, 274 Townhouse Rd., Cornish, NH 03745, (603-675-5891).

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Bronga, Principal
Linda Coolidge

Kathleen Maslan
Caroline Storrs

Jeff Proehl
Jen Wishnefsky

Building Maintenance Report

The Maintenance Committee has been working closely with the Jordan Institute to establish our heating energy needs and the steps we can take to reduce our total energy consumption.

This past summer with the assistance of Building Envelope Solutions, Inc, we conducted a Blower Door Test in which the building was pressurized and a theatrical fog added to establish the location of any leaks in the building's envelope. (It looked like Swiss cheese.) Thus, we were suddenly involved with different contractors requesting plans and site visits to determine quotes for the specific energy needs and upgrades as a result of the test.

While this was going on, we were still doing our routine summer maintenance which included the stripping and waxing all of the floors and painting some classrooms. When removing some rotten outside sheathing, we encountered black mold, *stachybotrys*. The Scott Lawson Group, Ltd, provided quality assurance during the mold removal in four separate locations: men's west side bathroom, women's east side bathroom continuing into the guidance office, classroom #13, and classroom #14, all of which are exterior walls on the 1988/89 library addition. Munter's Company, Inc. removed the mold contaminants. Dan Michaud, Cornish Custom Construction, did the rebuilding portion. This included interior sheetrock, outside sheathing, waterproof sealant, vinyl siding, etc. The entire project total was \$20,439. This was an unbudgeted expense, and was not covered under our insurance policy.

During the February vacation we changed the gym lighting from ten 400 watt metal halide fixtures to T-5 fluorescent "instant on" fixtures. The school is basically using all T-5 or T-8 lighting technology which was done through the SMART program from NH Electric Co-op.

After repairing a leak in the gym roof, caused by a heavy rain and windstorm, Danaher Floor Restoration sanded down and refinished the gym floor. Hopefully it will last another 20 years!

The committee is now moving forward to bring an energy bond to the 2010 School District Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Monette

Cornish Technology Committee

2010

(Meets every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3 PM in the Computer Lab)

The Cornish Technology Committee's mission and vision for technology with the Cornish Elementary School are identified as:

- To provide a student-centered approach to teaching and learning in a family-friendly environment that supports active, exploratory, inquiry-based learning, setting the state for life-long learning in a world where technology is an inevitable reality
- To create an information technology-rich environment, where a community of lifelong learners will be equipped with the skills to succeed in an information age characterized by constant change.

Our committee continually examines our progress in achieving our goals. These goals are centered on students, staff development, administrative and community objectives. The committee also makes recommendations on the purchase of hardware and software in order to keep our inventory current and to provide the students and the organization with the most updated equipment possible.

For the 2009-2010 school year, we have made many changes within the school and we hope that when you've visited the school that you have noticed these changes. We have totally redesigned our computer lab. Computers were lining the outer walls; they are now in rows all facing the front of the lab. This was done to ensure to promote better eye contact with the teaching staff. Also last year we started the transition away from Macintosh computers to PC based computers. You should notice that all of our computers in the computer lab have been replaced. We will continue each year to replace our older outdated equipment with the newer technologies.

We have also expanded the range of our wireless internet by installing wireless range expanders so that they now cover all of the classrooms. This was needed because through a technology grant we were able to provide the education staff with new wireless PC laptops. We then took the staff's updated Macintosh equipment and put them in the library where they replaced older machines.

Some of the more exciting things that have happened were that we installed 2 new 'smart' boards in 2 of our classrooms (Jen Wishnefsky's 3rd Grade and Katri Pollard's Upper Wing Math). What is a 'smart' board? They are a specialized interactive whiteboard (similar in appearance to a dry erase board). For example, if you have a word document on the screen and you need to scroll down the page, all the instructor needs to do is put their finger on the board and drag it downward to scroll down the document. This tool also allows anyone to write 'interactively' on the board without using a dry erase marker. Again we have been very fortunate to acquire more grant money and purchase 5 more of these whiteboards. They will be distributed to the classrooms when they arrive. We will be looking

We will be looking to purchase 2 more of these devices to complete the remaining 2 classrooms. In addition to the board we have also purchased 'clickers' which is a device that is given to each student in the classroom. For example, when the teaching staff puts a multiple choice question up on the whiteboard, the students (sitting at their desks and using their clicker) can each answer the question and the application takes those responses and displays the results immediately on the board. These devices have been able to promote a more focused instruction and participation in the classroom.

This upcoming year our committee has decided to take on the responsibility of the Robotics enrichment program. With the retirement of Mr. Jeff Taylor, he will be taking his robotics equipment with him, and so we will take responsibility of ensuring that this program has all the technology it needs to operate now and into the future.

This is also the year of implementing a new electronic catalog system for our Library. Mrs. Roper and numerous volunteers have been spending countless hours converting our old system to an electronic one. A huge 'Thank You' to all those who helped with this project. With this new system we are now able to view our library catalog online (both in and out of school), just click on the link from the Library Page on the school's web site.

The school's web site has also seen some increased changes that you may not have been aware of. In addition to getting access to the School's Newsletters, Sport Schedules, Lunch Menu and Health Information, we now have 2 teachers posting homework assignments online. Mrs. Pollard (Upper Wing Math) and Mrs. Wishnefsky (3rd Grade) have taken the next step to providing information both in the classroom and online. And we look forward to seeing more grades move in this direction. We would also like to inform you that there are many school related forms online (Health Information Forms, Sports Forms, etc.) in case you need them. Please visit our site:
<http://www.claremont.k12.nh.us/cornish/>

We appreciate your continued support in our goal of providing our students and organization with current technologies with the hope of preparing them for the *'demands of a rapidly changing society'*.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn H. Thornton

Technology Committee Members

Glenn H. Thornton, Committee Chair/Parent
Katri Pollard, Teacher
Dan Suse, SAU #6, Technology Director

Mary Bronga, Principal
Rachel Roper, Media Generalist
Jennifer Wishnefsky, Teacher

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Cornish School District
March 7, 2009

The annual meeting of the School District of the Town of Cornish, N.H., was held on March 7, 2009, at the Cornish Elementary School. School District Clerk Kathryn Patterson swore in Leland Atwood, Robin Monette, and Ruth Rollins as Supervisors of the Checklist and also swore in Lois Fitts, Kellie Patterson, Kim Patterson, and Sandra Redlands-Poland as Ballot Inspectors.

School District Clerk Patterson opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. (New Hampshire RSA 671:33 requires that vacancies in the office of moderator shall be filled by a vote at a school meeting or election, provided that, until a replacement is chosen, the school district clerk shall serve as moderator.) When Ray Evans passed away in October of 2008, the duties of moderator passed to the school district clerk. After declaring a quorum present, she opened the polls for voting on Article I by paper ballot.

School District Clerk Patterson called the business meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. After an explanation by Mike Fuerst as to why she was conducting the meeting and the laws regarding the election of a moderator pro-tem, she asked for nominations from the floor. Carol Rennie nominated Terrie Scott. Sue Gagne seconded the nomination. No other persons were nominated. Scott was then elected by a show of hands and took over as moderator pro tem.

After Bill Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, Reverend Dale Nicholas followed with a brief prayer. Moderator Scott called for a brief moment of silence in memory of Ray Evans. She then introduced by name the Supervisory Union personnel in attendance, the School Board Members, School Counsel, the Supervisors of the Checklist, the District Officers, and the Ballot Clerks.

Article I: (Election of Officers)

There were 180 ballots cast.

SCHOOL BOARD (3-Year Term) - Corinne Kelliher was elected to a three-year term with 85 votes. William Palmer was elected to a three-year term with 141 votes. Sharon Tribou-St.Martin received 74 votes.

SCHOOL BOARD (2-Year Term) - Karen Jameson was elected to a one-year term with 149 votes.

MODERATOR - Terrie Scott was elected to a one-year term with 143 votes.

TREASURER - The following names were written in: Bill Caterino(7), Kim Patterson(3), Kathi Patterson(2), Kellie Patterson(2), Jim Strout(2), Dan Charland(1), Jim Jordan(1), Brenda Jordan(1), George Edson(1), Marge Fletcher(1), Laird Klingler(1), Marge Fletcher(1), Rich Thompson(1), Bob

Bladen(1), Dale Lawrence(1), Sharon Tribou-St. Martin (1), Eric Atwood(1), Will Reed(1).

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK - The following names were written in: Kathryn Patterson(28), Dale Lawrence(2), Heidi Jaarsma(1), Frank Parks(1), Sharon Tribou-St. Martin(1), Lois Fitts(1), Leland Atwood(1), Jim Strout(1), Karen Strout(1), Sandra Redlands-Poland(1), George Edson(1), Kim Patterson(1), Kate Freeland(1), Eric Atwood(1), Shirley Bladen(1), Alicia Simino(1). **Kathryn Patterson** was elected to a one-year term.

Article II: (Hearing of Reports)

Doug Thayer **moved** that the District accept the reports of agents, committees, or officers chosen as reported in the *242nd Annual Report* and pass any votes relating thereto. Shirley Sullivan **seconded** the motion. Since no votes were required, the motion was **passed** by a voice vote.

Article III: (High School Tuition)

Bill Palmer **moved** that the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety-nine thousand three hundred sixty dollars (\$99,360) to pay unanticipated high school tuition bills from the Windsor High School District relating to the 2006-07 and 2007-08 school year and further to withdraw thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000) from the school district tuition capital reserve fund created for that purpose. The balance of sixty-nine thousand three hundred sixty dollars (\$69,360) is to come from general taxation. Frank Ackerman **seconded** the motion. This amount represents the balance due on a back-bill from Windsor for our tuition students as allowed by Vermont law. The school board did not recommend passage of this article. These back-bills come long after Cornish has agreed to tuition amounts; there has been little response from Windsor to written communication requesting an accounting of the 21% per child difference in tuition costs. The **motion** was then **defeated** by a voice vote.

Article IV: (Main Budget)

Kathleen Maslan **moved** that the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three million three hundred sixty-two thousand three hundred three dollars (\$3,362,303) for the support of schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents, and employees, for payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State of New Hampshire, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$3,202,303 for the general fund, \$54,000 for the school lunch fund, and \$106,000 for the federal projects fund and user fees. Merilynn Bourne **seconded** the motion. School board members explained sections of the budget.

Bill Wall made a **motion to amend** the main motion to reduce the appropriation by \$130,000. The appropriation amount would be reduced to \$3,232,303. Fred Sullivan **seconded** the motion. The motion to amend was **defeated** by a paper ballot vote with 49 yes and 115 no votes. The **main motion** was then **passed** by a voice vote.

Article V: (Appropriate to the Capital Reserve Fund – Special Education and High School Tuition – Special Warrant Article)

Bill Palmer explained that capital reserve items are now separated from the main budget as required by New Hampshire law. He then made the **motion** that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the School District Tuition Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The motion was **seconded** by Bernie Johnson and was **passed** by a voice vote.

Article VI: (Appropriate to the Capital Reserve Fund – Heating and Ventilating – Special Warrant Article)

Bill Palmer made the **motion** that the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the School District Heating and Ventilating Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The motion was **seconded** by Richard Thompson and was **passed** by a voice vote.

Article VII: (Appropriate to the Capital Reserve Fund – General Repairs – Special Warrant Article)

The **motion** was made by Bill Palmer and was **seconded** by Will Reed that the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the School District General Repairs Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The motion was **passed** by a voice vote.

Article VIII: (Appropriate to the Capital Reserve Fund – Building and Site Improvement – Special Warrant Article)

Bill Palmer **moved** that the School District vote to raise the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the previously established School District Building and Site Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was **seconded** by Krista Merrihew and **passed** by a voice vote.

Article IX: (Gym Floor)

Andy Smith **moved** that the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$13,250) to sand, refinish, and paint where needed the school gym floor and further withdraw the sum of thirteen

thirteen thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$13,250) from the Cornish School District Building Fund created for this purpose. The motion was **passed** by a voice vote after a **second** by Sue Gagne.

Article X: (District Officer Compensation)

Carol Rennie **moved** that the School District vote to determine and fix the salaries of school district officers as follows: school board members at \$200 per member per year; school district treasurer at \$200 per year; school district moderator at \$15 per year; and school district clerk at \$30 per year. The motion was **seconded** by George Edson and was **passed** by a voice vote.

Article XI: (Other Business)

Bill Palmer recognized Wendy Siebrands for her 11-years of service as the SAU director of instruction and curriculum. She received a round of applause.

He also recognized Caroline Storrs for being chosen as New Hampshire History Teacher of the Year. She received a round of applause.

Bill Palmer also thanked two school board members who were retiring from the board and presented them with certificates recognizing them for their service - Andy Smith and Carol Rennie. They were given a round of applause.

Jacque Guillette thanked the School District voters for their show of support for the school system. In addition, she announced that grants, anonymous donors, the community support and can-do attitude are making the automation of the school library possible. The planned completion date is September of 2009.

Ginger Atwater asked that the capital reserve funds listed on page S43 be presented in a way that is clear and easy to understand.

There being no further unfinished business, the meeting was **adjourned** by a voice vote at 3:35 p.m. after a **motion** to adjourn by Doug Hackett that was **seconded** by John Scott.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Patterson
School District Clerk

School District Treasurer Report
for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Checking Account Cash on hand June 30, 2008	(\$1,505.54)
Received from Selectmen	\$2,213,318.00
Received from State/Federal sources	1,231,535.00
Received from other sources	4,340.00
Total Receipts for 2008-2009	\$3,449,193.00
Less School Board order paid	\$3,465,451.39
Checking Account Cash on hand June 30, 2009	\$(17,763.93)
Savings Account Cash on hand June 30, 2009	\$147,221.83
Total Cash on hand June 30, 2009	\$129,457.90

Cornish School Building Fund

June 30, 2009 Fund Balance

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2008	\$23,319.02
Pledges Received	0.00
Withdrawals / Reimbursed to Endowment Funds	17,038.00
Income Earned - interest	251.78
Due from other funds	1,653.00
<i>TOTAL June 30, 2009</i>	\$ 8,185.80

Science Room Renovation Fund

June 30, 2009 Fund Balance

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2008	\$1,471.90
Pledges Received	0.00
Income Earned – interest	15.80
Withdrawal	0.00
<i>TOTAL – June 30, 2009</i>	\$1,487.70

Debt Payment Schedule **Cornish School District**

The Cornish School District has no long term debt.



Cornish French Accounts		
	Scholarship	Class of 2008
Balance 6/30/2008	\$15,097.09	\$7,543.58
Interest	\$111.48	\$1.85
Donations/Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Withdrawals	\$0.00	\$7,545.43
Balance 6/30/2009	\$15,208.57	\$ 0.00



James Brewster Fitch Scholarship				
Agricultural/Environmental Scholarship (Original Contribution \$6,873.43)				
Beginning Balance 6/30/08	Contribution	Interest	Withdrawals	Fund Balance 06/30/09
\$10,424.73	\$0.00	\$113.62	\$600.00	\$9,938.35

Special Endowment Funds June 30, 2009 Fund Balances

FUND NAME (original gift/principle amount)	RESTRICTIONS	BALANCE
James Farley Memorial Fund	Writing Excellence	\$ 5,071
Gratia T. Huggins Memorial Fund	Capital Expense	11,390
Eberhardt Award	Art & Music	593
Ellsworth Atwood Memorial	Citizenship	593
Glen Smith Sportmanship Award	Sportmanship	303
Harriet Runnals Award	Multiple Categories	1,314
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund	Sports Program	1,758
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund	Resource Room Program	1,758
Science Discovery Fund	Science Exploration	1,535
Doris Morgan McAuley Fund	Spelling Excellence	1,034
TOTAL ENDOWMENTS – June 30, 2009		\$25,349



Queneau Scholarship Trust

Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
12/31/08	12/31/09
\$35,751.15	\$36,304.30
Interest	Distributions
\$553.15	-0-

District's Share of SAU #6 Expenses 2009-10

Claremont	79.97%	\$1,107,514
Cornish	11.74%	\$162,589
Unity	8.29%	\$114,809
	100.00%	\$1,384,912



District's Share of Administrative Salaries 2009-10

	Claremont	Cornish	Unity	Total
	79.97%	11.74%	8.29%	100.00%
Superintendent	\$87,400	\$12,831	\$9,060	\$109,290
Assistant Superintendent	74,399	10,922	7,713	93,034
Director of Special Education	66,375	9,744	6,881	83,000
Director of Curriculum	64,376	9,451	6,673	80,500



School Administrative Unit #6

Jacqueline E. Guillette	Superintendent
Allen Damren	Assistant Superintendent
Ryan Fairchild	Director of Special Education
Elaine Arbour	Director of Curriculum
Dan Suse	Curriculum Technology Coordinator
Corrine Baptistella	Payroll Clerk
Penny Derosier	Business Office Clerk
Ann Dieter	Accounting & Benefits Supervisor
Genevieve Gallagher	Administrative Assistant
Donald Johnson	Building Technician
Nate LaVanway	Database Manager
Tonya LeClair / Brandi Riley	Administrative Assistant
Kelly Poisson	Accounting Assistant
Connie Scheffy	Speech/Language Pathologist
Louise Schultz	Administrative Assistant
April Woodman	Administrative Assistant

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Education Expenses & Revenue

<u>Category</u>	<u>Actual 07-08</u>	<u>Actual 08-09</u>	<u>Budget 09-10</u>	<u>Budget 10-11</u>
State Funding:				
Catastrophic Aid	61,661	56,764	50,000	40,000
Adequate Education Grants- SPED	161,635	161,635	163,000	163,000
Federal and Grant Funding:				
Chap. 1- Tutoring in Reading	19,753	13,190		17,400
Medicaid	2,339	12,337	11,000	11,000
TOTAL REVENUE	245,388	243,926	224,000	231,400
Total Special Ed. Expenses	403,451	414,157	450,125	329,739
Net Special Education Expenses				
Paid From Property Taxes	158,063	170,231	226,125	98,339

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Food Service Report

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Number of Student Lunches/Breakfasts</u>	<u>Average per Day</u>
2003-04	9,499	52.8
2004-05	12,054	67.0
2005-06	11,516	64.0
2006-07	13,878/1,203	77.1/6.7
2007-08	13,290/1,170	73.8/6.5
2008-09	12,402/1,656	68.9/9.2

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Profit/ (Loss) Before General Fund Subsidy</u>
2003-04	(11,644)
2004-05	(13,803)
2005-06	(19,009)
2006-07	(16,309)
2007-08	(17,313)
2008-09	(22,759)

Percent of Café Services Total Cost:

	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2006-07</u>
Food	28.1	34.6	33.5
Labor	54.6	49.8	49.3
Café Services Fee (150 per month)	2.6	2.6	2.6
General and Administrative	8.8	8.6	8.6
Other	5.9	4.4	6.0
	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2007-08</u>	<u>2006-07</u>
<u>Cost per Meal Served:</u>	4.61	4.36	4.17

Submitted By Allen Damren, Assistant Superintendent

**School District Warrant
Cornish School District
Cornish, New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Cornish in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to attend the Annual District Meeting at the Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at 10:00 a. m. to act upon the articles set forth in this warrant.

Article 1 of the Warrant will be voted upon by official ballot from the checklist and the polls will remain open for this purpose from 10:00 a. m. in the forenoon until 7:00 p. m. in the evening.

The business session of the School District meeting will commence at 1:00 p. m. in the afternoon at which time the remaining articles will be acted upon.

Article I (Election of District Officials)

To elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, each for one-year terms, and one School Board member for a three year term.

Article 2: Long Term Borrowing- (Special Article)

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$460,000) for energy efficiency projects at the Cornish Elementary School, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$460,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33:1 et seq.); to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any; and to authorize the school board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the School Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto; furthermore to raise and appropriate the sum of ELEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$11,730), such sum representing the first year interest cost regarding the bonds or notes issued; and furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of up to FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$5,500) from the School Heating Ventilation Capital Reserve Fund to help offset the first year interest cost. If article III is allowed by the State, the \$297,150 grant included in article III will be used to reduce the bond amount. (2/3 ballot vote required)

(The School Board Recommends This Article)

Article III (Transfer of Grant)

To see if the Cornish School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$297,150) in federal grant funds for energy improvements at the Cornish Elementary School; the grant was submitted and applied for by the Town of Cornish as required and spending authority may need to be formally transferred to the Cornish School District. If article II passes, and

this article is allowed by the State, this appropriation will be deemed as included as part of the appropriation amount in article II.

(The School Board Recommends This Article)

Article IV (Hearing of Reports)

To hear reports of Agents, Committees or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article V (Main Budget)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE MILLION THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$3,368,629) for the support of schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents, and employees, for payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State of New Hampshire, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$3,208,629 for the general fund, \$54,000 for the school lunch fund, and \$106,000 for the federal projects fund and user fees.

Note A: The above operating budget includes the sum necessary to fund a new one year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Cornish School Board and the Cornish Education Association (teachers), which calls for the following estimated increase in salaries and benefits:

Year	Est. Increase
2010-11	\$34,733

A favorable vote on this article shall be considered not only the approval of the proposed operating budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year, but also the approval of the cost items, such sums representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. (Pursuant to RSA 273-A:12, if approved the terms of this collective bargaining agreement, including the pay plan (step raises) but excluding cost of living increases, will continue in force and effect until a new agreement is executed. If the agreement is not approved, the terms of the current contract will continue in effect except for the step raises and cost of living increases.)

(The School Board Recommends This Article)

Article VI (Appropriate to the Capital Reserve Fund- Special Education and High School Tuition (Special Warrant Article)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to be added to School District tuition capital reserve fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

(The School Board Recommends This Article)

**Article VII (Appropriate to the Capital Reserve Fund- General Repairs
(Special Warrant Article)**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to be added to School District general repairs capital reserve fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

(The School Board Recommends This Article)

**Article VIII (Appropriate to the Capital Reserve Fund- Building and Site
Improvement (Special Warrant Article)**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to be added to School District building and site improvement capital reserve fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

(The School Board Recommends This Article)

Article IX (Discontinue a Capital Reserve Fund)

To see if the School District will vote to discontinue the School Roof Capital Reserve Fund created in 1999. There are no funds existing in this capital reserve fund which exists now in name only. This warrant article is required by the NH Department of Revenue Administration to officially discontinue this named fund. (Majority vote required)

Article X (District Officer Compensation)

To determine and fix the salaries of school district officers as follows: school board members at \$200 per member per year; school district treasurer at \$200 per year; school district moderator at \$15 per year; and school district clerk at \$30 per year.

Article XI (Other Business)

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL AT SAID Cornish this 12th day of February 2010.

William Palmer, Chair

Corinne Kelliher

Kathleen Maslan

Karen Jameson

Kristi Stevens
CORNISH SCHOOL BOARD

Cornish School District

Proposed 2010-11 Budget

Description	2008-09 Actual	09-10 Budget	School Board Proposed 10-11 Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent
District - Wide Health & Dental Insurance	196,401	233,098	255,654	22,556	9.68%
Reg. Inst. Salaries	538,963	602,903	599,218	-3,685	-0.61%
Reg. Inst. Salaries Paras	72,699	72,546	100,971	28,425	39.18%
Reg. Inst. Salaries Substitutes	38,685	16,000	16,000	0	0.00%
Reg. Inst. Life & Disability	982	4,062	1,254	(2,808)	-69.13%
Reg. Inst. Workers Comp	3,270	6,102	6,156	54	0.88%
Reg. Inst. Unemployment Insurance	726	806	946	140	17.37%
Reg. Inst. Medicare Taxes	8,625			0	n/a
Reg. Inst. Social Security Taxes	37,036	52,896	54,789	1,893	3.58%
Reg. Inst. Retirement	36,567	47,011	56,155	9,144	19.45%
Reg. Inst. Staff Development	9,159	11,000	14,200	3,200	29.09%
Reg. Inst. Equip. Repair	0	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%
Reg. Inst. High School Tuition - In State	271,616	292,600	290,667	(1,933)	-0.66%
Reg. Inst. High School Tuition - Out of State	493,102	558,780	578,400	19,620	3.51%
Reg. Inst. Supplies	21,955	15,950	15,950	0	0.00%
Reg. Inst. Assessment	100	4,285	4,285	0	0.00%
Reg. Inst. Copiers	1,703	6,264	6,000	(264)	n/a

Description	2008-09 Actual	09-10 Budget	Proposed 10-11 Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent
Reg. Inst. Software	2,813	7,895	7,895	0	0.00%
Reg. Inst. Enrichment	4,280	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
Reg. Inst. Textbooks	11,141	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
Reg. Inst. Workbooks	7,463	6,500	6,500	0	0.00%
Reg. Inst. New Equipment	2,886	7,700	0	(7,700)	-100.00%
Reg. Inst. Replacement Equipment	10,524	10,500	10,500	0	0.00%
Reg. Inst. Furniture	2,087	500	500	0	0.00%
Sub-Total	1,576,382	1,739,500	1,785,586	46,086	2.65%
Sped. Salaries	79,261	91,983	77,268	(14,715)	-16.00%
Sped. Salaries Paras	60,366	66,513	67,032	519	0.78%
Sped. Tutoring	0	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Sped. Life & Disability	135	771	215	(556)	-72.11%
Sped. Workers Comp	706	1,592	1,466	(126)	-7.91%
Sped. Unemployment Insurance	221	287	287	0	0.00%
Sped. Medicare Taxes	2,388			0	n/a
Sped. Social Security Taxes	10,212	13,841	12,755	(1,086)	-7.85%
Sped. Retirement	7,216	12,592	13,373	781	6.20%
Sped. Speech & Lang. Services	9,335	9,335	9,335	0	0.00%
Sped. Staff Development	0	500	600	100	20.00%

Description	2008-09 Actual	09-10 Budget	Proposed 10-11 Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent
Sped. Testing	5,282	9,000	9,000	0	0.00%
Sped. Occupational Therapy	5,735	5,735	6,000	265	4.62%
Sped. Professional Services	6,855	4,500	6,000	1,500	33.33%
Sped. High School Tuition - In State	0	0		0	n/a
Sped. High School Tuition - Out of State	52,582	70,495	102,328	31,833	45.16%
Sped. High School Tuition - Private	119,426	122,550	0	(122,550)	-100.00%
Sped. Elementary Tuition -Out of State	0	0	0	0	n/a
Sped. Supplies	972	700	700	0	0.00%
Sped. Textbooks	328	725	725	0	0.00%
Sped. Workbooks	41	325	325	0	0.00%
Sped. New Equipment	235	700	700	0	0.00%
Sub-Total	361,296	413,144	309,109	(104,035)	-25.18%
Extended Year Program Salary	2,763	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
Extended Year Program Medicare Taxes	40			0	n/a
Extended Year Program Social Security Taxes	170	230	230	0	n/a
Extended Year Program Retirement	165	0	0	0	n/a
Sub-Total	3,138	3,230	3,230	0	0.00%
Athletics Salaries	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
Athletics Social Security Taxes	38	75	75	0	0.00%

Description	2008-09 Actual	09-10 Budget	Proposed 10-11 Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent
Athletics Police/Referees	5,250	4,250	4,250	0	0.00%
Athletics Supplies	2,650	2,650	3,650	1,000	37.74%
Sub-Total	8,938	7,975	8,975	1,000	12.54%
Summer School Salaries	3,285	6,000	6,185	185	3.08%
Summer School Medicare Taxes	48	0	0	0	n/a
Summer School Social Security Taxes	204	420	473	53	12.66%
Summer School Retirement	107	0	0	0	n/a
Summer School Supplies	50	250	250	0	n/a
Sub-Total	3,694	6,670	6,908	238	3.57%
Guidance Salaries	26,824	28,894	29,894	1,000	3.46%
Guidance Life & Disability	0	227	65	(162)	-71.37%
Guidance Workers Comp	156	254	263	9	3.54%
Guidance Unemployment Insurance	29	41	41	0	0.00%
Guidance Medicare Taxes	229			0	n/a
Guidance Social Security Taxes	983	2,210	2,287	77	3.48%
Guidance Retirement	0	2,011	2,397	386	19.19%
Guidance Supplies	1,144	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%
Guidance Textbooks	0			0	n/a
Sub-Total	29,365	34,837	36,147	1,310	3.76%

Description	2008-09 Actual	09-10 Budget	Proposed 10-11 Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent
Health Salaries	29,983	29,760	31,441	1,681	5.65%
Health Workers Comp.	150	262	277	15	5.73%
Health Unemployment Insurance	30	41	41	0	0.00%
Health Medicare Taxes	435			0	n/a
Health Social Security Taxes	1,859	2,277	2,405	128	5.62%
Health Retirement	1,739	0	2,522	2,522	n/a
Health Professional Development			100	100	n/a
Health Supplies	944	1,100	1,100	0	0.00%
Health Textbooks	109	150	150	0	0.00%
Health New Equipment	245	300	300	0	0.00%
Sub-Total	35,494	33,890	38,336	4,446	13.12%
Media Salaries	32,292	35,248	36,913	1,665	4.72%
Media Life & Disability	0	248	80	(168)	-67.74%
Media Workers Comp.	165	310	325	15	4.84%
Media Unemployment Insurance	30	41	41	0	0.00%
Media Medicare Taxes	452			0	n/a
Media Social Security Taxes	1,933	2,696	2,824	128	4.75%
Media Retirement	1,873	2,453	2,960	507	20.67%
Equip. Repair	2,326	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
Media Supplies	2,079	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%

Description	2008-09 Actual	09-10 Budget	Proposed 10-11 Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent
Media Books	3,721	3,500	4,000	500	14.29%
Media Periodicals	449	350	350	0	0.00%
Sub-Total	45,320	51,346	53,993	2,647	5.16%
School Board School District Treasurer	200	200	200	0	0.00%
School Board District Clerk	30	30	30	0	0.00%
School Board Moderator	15	15	15	0	0.00%
School Board Election Officials	369	400	400	0	0.00%
School Board Salaries	800	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
School Board Medicare Taxes	13	0	0	0	n/a
School Board Social Security Taxes	56	0	0	0	n/a
School Board Professional Services	7,226	7,750	7,750	0	0.00%
School Board Auditors	8,000	4,750	7,500	2,750	57.89%
School Board Annual Report	0	1,100	1,100	0	0.00%
School Board Supplies	1,061	750	750	0	0.00%
School Board Dues & Fees	3,081	2,850	2,461	(389)	-13.65%
Sub-Total	20,851	18,845	21,206	2,361	12.53%
SAU 6 SAU Services	143,215	162,589	161,860	(729)	-0.45%

Description	2008-09 Actual	09-10 Budget	Proposed 10-11 Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent
School Admin. Salaries	75,232	76,500	78,030	1,530	2.00%
School Admin. Secretary Salary	31,075	31,694	32,318	624	1.97%
School Admin. Life & Disability	80	516	169	(347)	-67.25%
School Admin. Workers Comp.	545	952	971	19	2.00%
School Admin. Unemployment Insurance	124	82	82	0	0.00%
School Admin. Medicare Taxes	1,537			0	n/a
School Admin. Social Security Taxes	6,576	8,277	8,441	164	1.98%
School Admin. Retirement	7,066	9,835	10,108	273	2.78%
School Admin. Staff Development	495	1,500	2,600	1,100	73.33%
School Admin. Postage	821	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
School Admin. Advertising	2,891	2,200	2,200	0	0.00%
School Admin. Printing	577	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
School Admin. Travel	486	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
School Admin. Supplies	438	900	900	0	0.00%
School Admin. Principal's Fund	559	750	750	0	0.00%
School Admin. Dues & Fees	755	575	575	0	0.00%
School Admin. Graduation	1,008	750	750	0	0.00%
Sub-Total	130,265	139,531	142,894	3,363	2.41%
Maintenance Salaries	64,071	64,115	65,854	1,739	2.71%
Maintenance Life & Disability	24	271	89	(182)	-67.16%

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Maintenance Workers Comp	296	3,385	3,477	92	2.72%
Maintenance Unemployment Insurance	66	117	90	(27)	-23.08%
Maintenance Medicare Taxes	878			0	n/a
Maintenance Social Security Taxes	3,753	4,906	5,038	132	2.69%
Maintenance Retirement	3,802	3,652	3,754	102	2.79%
Maintenance Professional Development			100	100	n/a
Maintenance Contracted Services	10,796	6,500	8,500	2,000	30.77%
Maintenance Water & Septic	1,333	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%
Maintenance Rubbish Removal	4,377	3,200	3,200	0	0.00%
Maintenance Lawn Care	1,150	950	950	0	0.00%
Maintenance Repairs/Maintenance Services	35,595	28,000	28,000	0	0.00%
Maintenance Building Improvements	31,282	13,250	15,000	1,750	13.21%
Maintenance Property Insurance	3,335	3,300	3,498	198	6.00%
Maintenance Telephone	6,900	5,500	6,500	1,000	18.18%
Maintenance Supplies	10,329	10,000	11,000	1,000	10.00%
Maintenance Electricity	28,315	29,339	31,385	2,046	6.97%
Maintenance Fuel Oil	46,239	30,413	31,100	687	2.26%
Maintenance New Equipment	0			0	n/a
Sub-Total	252,541	208,198	218,835	10,637	5.11%

Description	2008-09 Actual	09-10 Budget	Proposed 10-11 Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percent
Transportation Field Trips	9,317	6,000	6,000	0	0.00%
Transportation Elementary	121,924	122,400	127,296	4,896	4.00%
Transportation SPED High School	21,494	16,300	14,600	(1,700)	-10.43%
Sub-Total	152,735	144,700	147,896	3,196	2.21%
Fund Transfers Heating					
Fund Transfers General	3,000	3,000		(3,000)	-100.00%
Fund Transfers Building & Site	3,000	3,000		(3,000)	-100.00%
Fund Transfers Food Service	18,000	18,000	18,000	0	0.00%
Transfer to Cap. Reserve-Tuition	3,000	3,000		(3,000)	-100.00%
Sub-Total	30,000	30,000	18,000	(12,000)	-40.00%
Total General Fund	2,989,635	3,227,553	3,208,629	(18,924)	-0.59%
Food Service					
Grants	58,003	54,000	54,000	0	0.00%
Before and After School Programs	53,325	50,000	50,000	0	0.00%
	61,826	56,000	56,000	0	0.00%
				0	
GRAND TOTAL	3,162,789	3,387,553	3,368,629	(18,924)	-0.56%

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2010-11 PROPOSED REVENUES		As Set 2008-09	As Set 2009-10	Proposed 2010-11	\$ Chg	% Chg
REVENUE DETAIL:						
1121	District Assessment	1,799,541	1,968,618	1,971,695	3,077	0%
	State Property Tax	443,777	422,651	422,651	0	0%
	Medicaid	11,000	11,000	11,000	0	n/a
1500	Interest Income	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0%
1990	Miscellaneous Income	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0%
3110	Adequate Education Grants	718,657	739,783	739,783	0	0%
3240	Catastrophic Aid	50,000	56,168	40,000	-16,168	-29%
5220	From Building Endowment Fund	15,500	13,250	0	-13,250	n/a
Revenue Total		3,051,975	3,224,970	3,198,629	-26,341	-1%

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2010-11 PROPOSED BUDGET TAX RATE IMPACT					
	As Set 2008-09	As Set 2009-10	Proposed 2010-11	\$ Chg	% Chg
Appropriation- General Fund	3,144,064	3,227,553	3,208,629	-18,924	-0.59%
Total Non-Tax Revenue	808,657	833,701	804,283	-29,418	-3.53%
State Property Tax	443,777	422,651	422,651	0	0.00%
Use of Fund Balance	92,089	2,583	10,000	7,417	n/a
Local Tax Levy	1,799,541	1,968,618	1,971,695	3,077	0.16%
Assessed Value	181,894,973	184,272,283	184,272,283	0	0.00%
Local Tax Rate	9.89	10.67	10.70	0.03	0.28%
Estimated State Rate	2.50	2.35	2.35	0.00	0.00%
Tax Rate (\$ per \$1,000)	12.39	13.02	13.05	0.03	0.23%
Warrant Article 2	Bond		0.04		
Warrant Article 6	Capital Reserve		0.02		
Warrant Article 7	Capital Reserve		0.02		
Warrant Article 8	Capital Reserve		0.02		
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Total Tax Rate (\$ per \$1,000) if all articles approved			13.15	0.13	
For a \$200,00 home, the tax increase is				\$26.00	

**Cornish School District
Salaries- Proposed 2010-11 School Budget**

Name	Educ./	FTE/	Wks	Years	Step	09-10	10-11	Payroll Taxes & Benefits
REGULAR EDUCATION								
Bennett	MA	0.60		22	13	33,887	34,678	
Bourne	BA+30	1.00		9	5	40,446	42,113	
Brown	MA+30	0.77		36	13	47,519	48,574	
Buchan	BA	0.60		9	5	22,516	23,516	
Cassedy	MA + 30	1.00		23	12	56,479	60,717	
Coolidge	MA+15	0.50		32		34,154	34,837	
Crary	MA	1.00		16	8	46,900	48,568	
Fournier	BA	0.60		0	0	17,522	18,521	
LaCreta	MA	0.60		11	6	26,143	27,143	
Ouellette	MA	0.50		3	2	18,457	19,289	
Pollard	MA	1.00		3	2	36,913	38,578	
Storrs	MA+30	1.00		26	13	59,399	60,717	
Taylor	MA + 30	1.00		26	13	59,399	18,500	
Tilton-Wahlert	MA	1.00		11	6	43,571	45,238	
Wishnefsky	MA	1.00		6	3	34,197	35,863	
New	BA+15	1.00			5		38,986	
Additional Time							3,380	
Sub-total						577,502	599,218	234,491
SUBSTITUTES								
Various						15,000	16,000	1,408

Name	Educ./	FTE/	Years	Step	09-10	10-11	Payroll Taxes & Benefits
Rate	Hrs	Wks	Exp.	Salary	Salary		
REGULAR ED PARA							
Brodeur	13.38	35	38		17,303	17,795	
Claggett	9.37	35	38		12,223	12,462	
McCutchan	10.17	35	38		13,180	13,526	
Orogi	8.92	35	38		11,638	11,864	
Ryan	15.40	35	38		19,977	20,482	
Thornton	9.91	35	38		12,675	13,180	
Towle	9.30	33	38		11,186	11,662	
Subtotal					98,182	100,971	50,482
SPECIAL EDUCATION							
Gagne	MA + 15	1.00	13		55,019	0	
Maule	MA + 30	1.00	26		59,399	60,717	
New	BA+15	1.00		5		38,986	
Less 94-142 Grant					-22,435	-22,435	
Subtotal					91,983	77,268	42,480
SPED PARA							
Bagley	9.37	35	38		12,223	12,462	
Dangelo	10.36	35	38		13,526	13,779	
Derosier	9.30	35	38		11,864	12,369	
Peirce	11.04	35	38		14,178	14,683	
Travis	8.92	35	38		11,638	11,864	
Vigneault	10.78	35	38		13,872	14,337	
Subtotal					65,078	67,032	20,207

Name	Educ./ Rate	FTE/ Hrs	Wks	Years Exp.	Step	09-10 Salary	10-11 Salary	Payroll Taxes & Benefits
GUIDANCE								
Filbin	MA +30	0.60		7		28,894	29,894	12,979
NURSE								
Lynch	23.64	35.0	38			30,816	31,441	5,245
LIBRARIAN								
Roper		1.00		2	1	35,248	36,913	6,783
ADMINISTRATION								
Bronga						76,500	78,030	
Lawrence	1,243	1	26			31,694	32,318	
Subtotal						108,194	110,348	48,469
MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL								
Monette						40,177	40,980	
Strout	11.23	40.00	52			22,901	23,358	
Summer	11.23	15.00	9			1,486	1,516	
Subtotal						64,564	65,854	25,289
GENERAL FUND TOTAL								
						1,115,461	1,134,939	447,833



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the School Board
Cornish School District
Cornish, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cornish School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the Cornish School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cornish School District as of June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Cornish School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

April 27, 2009

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Town Directory and Information

Police, Fire Medical Emergencies	911
Police, Non-emergency	543-0535
Fire, Non-emergency	675-2221
Selectmen, Assessing Office	675-5611
Town Office Fax	675-5605
Town Clerk	675-5207
Tax Collector	675-5221
Highway Garage	675-2205
Cornish Elementary School	675-5891
Library	543-3644
E-mail	townbos@comcast.net cornishtownclerk@comcast.net cornishtaxcollector@comcast.net
Web Site	www.cornishnh.net

Meeting Schedules and Hours

Town Boards meet at Town Office Bldg. - School Board meets at School	
Town Office/Assessing Selectmen	Mon.12-8:30PM, Tues.-Fri 8:00-4:00 PM Monday 6:30-8:30PM Friday 9-Noon
Town Clerk	Monday through Thursday 4:30-7:00 PM Last Saturday of the Month 9:00-NOON
Tax Collector	Thursday 4:30-7:00 PM
Planning Board	1st and 3rd Thursday of each Month
Zoning Board (as needed)	1st Monday of each Month 7:30 PM
Conservation Commission	4th Wednesday of each Month 7:00 PM
Cornish School Board	3rd Monday of each Month 7:00 PM
Cornish Library	Monday and Friday 4:00-6:00 PM
Emily Cromwell, Librarian	Wednesday 4:00-8:00 PM Saturday 10:00-NOON

General Assistance & Senior Resources:

Connie Kousman	542-7107
Martha Zoerheide	675-2295
Judith Kaufman	542-7322
Anne Hier	542-7348



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TOWN OF CORNISH

WHO to see about WHAT and WHEN

SELECTMEN

Selectmen's Secretary-Samantha Fontaine

Phone 675-5611

Fax 675-5605

Monday 12-8:30p.m.

T-F 8-4p.m.

Abatements (Property Tax)

Building Permits

Camping Permits

Current Use Applications

Elderly Tax Exemption

Intent to Cut Lumber

Assessing

Pistol Permits

Property Tax Cards

Property Tax Maps

Raffle Permits

Septic Dig Approvals

Subdivision Applications

Veterans Tax Credit

Other Questions – See Selectmen

TOWN CLERK

Paula Harthan

675-5207

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays

& Thursdays 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Last Saturday of Month 9-Noon

Fish & Game Licenses

Cemetery Records

Dog Licenses

Vital Statistics

Minutes – Planning Board, Zoning Board & Conservation Commission

Marriage Licenses

Motor Vehicle Permits

Dredge and Fill Permits

Genealogy Information

TAX COLLECTOR

Reigh Helen Sweetser

675-5221

Thursday 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Property Tax

BUILDING PERMITS

New Housing units

\$200.00

Barns, Garages, Additions, Pole Barns

\$75.00

Pools: Inground or above

\$50.00

Decks, Dormers, Sheds, Carports

\$60.00

Camping Permits

\$40.00